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Sugarbush band members from left are Amy Green, Camille Giglio and Becca Biggs. They recently recorded a CD at The Outlook Studio in Bethel. "Our band came to the Outlook because I'm from [the area] and personally know how Ted and Conni [St. Pierre] do a lovely job," said Amy. "An added bonus was being able to invite local folks who I hadn't seen in a long time." The three women take turns as lead singer, depending on the song. *A. Aloisio*

'Sugarbush' band finds harmony together

By ALISON ALOISIO

Amy Green, an Andover native and 2000 graduate of Telstar High School, grew up listening to her mom, Wendy, play guitar with her friends.

Earlier this month Amy, with her friends, played guitar and recorded 14 songs at The Outlook Studio in Bethel for a CD.

Amy, who now lives in Monroe in Waldo County, plays with Becca Biggs on banjo and Camille Giglio on cello in their band "Sugarbush."

From Maine to Colorado and back

"I have always been inspired by Maine music made by Maine people," said Amy. Jewel [Clark] and Donnie [Katlin] have always inspired me, as well as my mother's music and her overall influence on me."

When Amy was 16, she won the local Mountain Jam musical competition and earned the opportunity to open for a performance by well-known Maine musician Dave Mallett. She had had no formal musical training, and hasn't since.

She went on to college at Sarah Lawrence College in New York, and then to live in Colorado and Chicago.

But in 2006 she decided to move back to Maine. "I wanted to come home and have a family," she said. She had a son in 2007.

A few years later, Amy decided to become a medical marijuana caregiver and moved to Waldo County. "I fell in love with eastern Maine," she said.

Making music together

The three young women who became "Sugarbush" came together to play for the first time only a year ago. Amy and Becca are neighbors, and Becca knew Camille.

Camille, 30, of Thorndike is a classically trained cellist who studied musical theater in New York. But she later left the city for a life of homesteading in Maine, she said.

Becca, 28, of Monroe, has been playing and writing music since her youth. She currently operates the Roots and Wings Farmstead with her partner, Sean James.

As 2015 began, said Amy, "We had all made a New Year's resolution to get back into music. We got together - it was supposed to be just for fun. But that first night we clicked so well we decided, 'OK, we're a band.'"

They all write music. Writing, said Amy, is a "compulsion" for her. "They're the same," she

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SAD 44 tax burden shift takes first step

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Following a nearly hour-long executive session to consult with the district's attorney, the SAD 44 School Board voted unanimously Monday to initiate a process to consider amending the current method of sharing school costs among the district's four member towns.

The process could result in a shift of some of the local school tax burden from Newry to Bethel, Woodstock and Greenwood.

The vote authorizes Superintendent David Murphy to engage a facilitator and call a meeting of municipal representatives from member towns.

Representatives will be selected at large by the municipal officers of each town and by each municipality's school directors.

During the board member comment period at the start of Monday's meeting, Woodstock director Marcel Polak read a statement about the value of public education and the obligation of all citizens to support it.

"Our five towns came together to form a school system 50 years go because they each recognized that it was in the interest of all of our towns to pool resources," Polak said.

He reminded those present that for the first 25 years after the forma-

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Newry Town Meeting:

Roadwork, bus service, fiscal year, vets' monument

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday approved the warrant for the March 7-8 Town Meeting.

Among the articles to be considered at the March 8 meeting:

Whether to spend up to $850,000 to pave and improve the Sunday River Road from the Monkey Brook Road intersection to the end of the pavement, and, if voters support the idea, whether to authorize a bond in that amount to do the work in one year;

Whether to approve $150,000 from the Capital Improvement Account to pave the Sunday River Road;

Whether to approve $10,000 to get started on a veterans' monument project;

Whether to approve $10,000 for the Mountain Explorer bus service (last year that same proposed amount was amended down to $7,500).

USE OF SURPLUS

Several articles address the Undesignated Surplus accounts.

Town Administrator Amy Bernard said Newry needs to build up its Undesignated Surplus Account. The town's auditor recommends it be about $800,000, to be available in case of an emergency or to use for Capital Improvements, rather than using it, said Bernard, "every year to reduce taxes." The

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Warden Service airboat rides dropped from Camp North Woods program

Noise concerns on Lake Christopher

By ALISON ALOISIO

Following negative feedback from the Community Lakes Association, air boat rides with the Maine Warden Service will not be part of this year's Camp North Woods at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp.

But both the CLA and the camp director stressed they wish to continue their partnership in areas of mutual concern.

The first Camp North Woods took place last summer, in two weeklong sessions. The camp featured Maine Game Wardens who appeared in the popular Animal Planet television series, "North Woods Law."

The young campers learned about the wardens' jobs, as well as outdoor skills. At the end of each of the two sessions the youngsters, along with their parents, had the opportunity to ride in a Warden Service airboat on Lake Christopher.

The airboats, which can travel in very shallow water or over ice, are used in rescue and other work.

Each airboat session at the camp lasted about four hours, according to camp Director Ron Fournier.

But the noise the boat generated prompted complaints around the lake, including a letter to the editor sent to the Citizen.

And, CLA member Jane Chandler told Woodstock selectmen last week, "We got lots of negative feedback at the annual meeting ... The thing that concerns people is noise. For the people who live on the lake it was very noisy."

Chandler and her husband, Jim, attended the board meeting for another topic, but selectmen also asked them about the airboat issue.

Jim Chandler said when the CLA board of directors was asked for feedback on the issue, "every single response came back negatively."

Based on that feedback, he said, Fournier "decided not to pursue that part of the North Woods program."

"The CLA is pleased about it," said Chandler, "But we also wanted to stress that we are supporters of the 4-H Camp, that we like what they do. We don't want to look like we're not in favor of the 4-H program."

He said, for example, the two organizations plan to work more closely on an effort to keep milfoil in the lake under control or eradicated.

Another potential area of cooperative focus, said Chandler, is waterskiers who reportedly "come awfully close to the dock at the 4-H Camp. There might be some mutual issues. The CLA has always supported boat safety."

Chandler also said regarding the airboat rides that Fournier had gotten "lots of good feedback from the kids, saying it was one of the most memorable parts of the camp."

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Movies back in town

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

For the first time in over three years, Bethel has a movie theater showing new releases, offering regular evening and matinee screenings of the latest Hollywood action, adventure, comedy, and family films.

With the conversion of two theaters to digital projection complete, Bethany Weisberger and Wade Kavanaugh, owners of The Gem Theater in the former Casablanca Cinema building, are welcoming audiences into a space filled with memories many never expected to revisit.

Linda LeBlanc brought her five-year-old granddaughter Nevaeh to Sunday's matinee showing of "The Good Dinosaur."

"This is her first time ever seeing a movie in a theater," LeBlanc said.

Eager for the full movie theater experience, they stocked up on snacks and drinks at the concession stand before settling into their seats to share a bag of The Gem's gourmet popcorn.

Unlike typical theater fare, it's made with non-GMO corn grown in Maine, real butter, and a choice of unique seasonings from Gneiss Spice, the mail-order spice business Weisberger and Kavanaugh run out of their Albany home.

LeBlanc lives in Mexico, Maine, but grew up in Berlin, N.H., where she once worked at the Princess

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Letters

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

To the Editor:

Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church invites you to attend their celebration of World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Luncheon will follow the prayer service. (Snow date March 11)

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide Ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together each year to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday of March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of this worship service. This year the women of Cuba invite us to consider these words: "Receive Children, Receive Me."

All are invited to join us.

Gen Donnellan and Rosabelle Tifft, Coordinators

ON OPEN-MINDEDNESS

To the Editor:

I read a quote from a "Dear Abby" column that I feel is pertinent to today's society. "It's one thing to be open-minded and quite another to be so open-minded your brains fall out."

Jean H. Grover
Greenwood

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said of her fellow musicians. "It's therapy."

Amy described her personal approach to song writing:

"I'm pretty much always trying to give an unapologetic and validating window onto the female perspective. That's just self work that comes out in songs, but I think women are fed more self-censoring mental hurdles than most of us will even admit to. Songs help me to frame things in a way that's useful to my own brain and hopefully to some others, too."

In addition, she said, "there are a lot of seasonal or outdoors references because so many songs come from where I am and what I'm doing while I'm processing whatever experience or emotion that the song is about. I like to ground music in real experience because it gives it substance."

Biggs said she writes about her own experiences, as well as those of others.

After the women got together the first time, they went on to play informally for friends and other musicians. "But then they started to ask us to perform," said Amy. "And then we got calls from others. We've had a gig every weekend since the spring."

Locations have included Sheepscot, Rockland, Belfast and Camden.

After being asked several times, "Where's your CD?" they decided it was time to make one.

Now was a good time, said Amy, because Biggs is due to have a baby in about a month.

They chose The Outlook because of Amy's Bethel connection and her regard for owners Ted and Conni St. Pierre, Amy said.

Ted noted that in his 37 years in the business, this was the first time he had seen a band with the combination of guitar, cello and banjo.

During the session at The Outlook the women recorded 14 songs. They expect the CD to be out in early March.

"The songs we picked for our album are just skimming the surface of all the songs we've written. so they were all favorites for one reason or another," Green said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Voters approve SAD 44 land buy

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

The proposed purchase by the school district of 36.9 acres of land was approved by an overwhelming majority of the more than 150 residents who turned out for Monday's special SAD44 district budget meeting.

The parcel abuts the Telstar complex and encompasses about a third of the school's cross country and Nordic ski trails.

Attorney William Stockmeyer of the Portland legal firm Drummond Woodsum, which represents SAD 44, moderated the meeting.

Stockmeyer read the article, which asked if the district should be authorized to transfer $76,000 in available fund balances to the THS/TMS capital reserve fund, and to expend that sum from the reserve fund to purchase 36.9 acres from the Conifer Corp. and also to accept the gift, if offered by the seller, of approximately one acre of additional land.

SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy told those in attendance that he had been contacted three or four months ago by the owner of the property, who offered it for sale to the district.

"We felt that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity to be sure that we can access our trails in the future," he said.

Longtime Telstar cross-country and Nordic coach Gary Wight said the teams have been using trails on the parcel for close to 40 years.

Bruce Pierce of Newry questioned the status of an easement and right of way through the parcel, which is used by Chadbourne Tree Farms to access timber on property owned by that company.

Stockmeyer said the purchase agreement includes language that preserves the district's ability to use its trails, one of which is within the easement's right of way.

"It's going to be specifically stated that the right to use the roadway for cross country skiing is preserved, so long as we don't interfere with the use of the road for trucks," he said.

School Board member Marcel Polak of Woodstock said there is interest in connecting public trails in the village to Telstar's trail system, and the property being purchased will provide access to the trails via the Bailey Road.

District recreational facilities are available for use by the public when not being used for school events, and Polak said providing access to trails suitable for people of moderate fitness levels "is very much a part of our Healthy Communities initiative."

COST CONCERNS

Greenwood Budget Committee member Brian Dunham objected to the expenditure of district funds to purchase the property.

"Taxes are way too high," he said. "I realize this says that it's coming out of the reserve account, but we all know that reserve accounts need to be refunded, and that comes from taxation."

Dunham also said that purchasing more property could result in added maintenance costs and lead to decisions to build new trails at additional expense. He said he could foresee a day when the district might even decide they needed to add snowmaking capability.

"Think about your neighbors that are having trouble paying their taxes," he said. "Maybe you can pay them, but there's a whole lot more, and especially in our town, that are suffering."

"We've already lost one town, and another town wants to get the 'blank' out of here," said Dunham, referring to Andover's withdrawal from SAD 44 last year and the ongoing effort by some Newry residents to follow suit.

"We're going to get stuck with it all, and it's time to slow down, back up the welcome cart, and start cutting, and looking at things in the real world. This area is falling apart. Businesses are leaving. There's not a whole lot left here, and we cannot continue to spend, spend, spend."

Carla Boyle-Wight spoke for the members of the Telstar Nordic Ski Team, many of whom attended the meeting in uniform. She said teams use the trail system throughout the school year, for cross country running, Nordic skiing, and practice during track season.

Addressing the possibility of additional trail maintenance costs, she said maintenance work on the trails is done almost entirely by volunteers, especially members of the Bethel Outing Club.

She added that she did not foresee a need for snowmaking on the Nordic trails.

"We haven't got that much snow right now, and we're still on [our trails]," she said. "I don't think we'll end up wanting to make snow."

Boyle-Wight said when there is not enough snow on the Telstar trails, "we tend to travel to find the snow."

BOC member Jeremy Nellis, who coaches Nordic skiing at Gould Academy, added that in addition to volunteer hours, the outing club has contributed a significant amount of money to the Telstar teams toward the purchase of a snowmobile and grooming equipment.

Voting by a show of hands, nearly all of those present favored the land purchase.

The additional acre referred to in the article consists of a narrow strip located between the property line of the 36.9-acre lot and the back boundary lines of three lots on Bailey Road. It is being offered for sale to the owners of those lots, but will be gifted to the district if those abutters elect not to purchase it.

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tion of SAD 44, Andover and Bethel paid the largest share of district costs because those towns had "the greater wealth."

"This shifted about 25 years ago, when Sunday River Ski Resort and its associated development grew, providing new sources of school funding," he said.

"We are close to celebrating the bicentennial of statehood, and we're still struggling to figure out how to pay for public education."

While the costs have long been shared between the state and local levels, Polak said, "In our own district, we've seen the state's share drop in ten years from about $2 million per year to about $300,000. That leaves property owners and businesses having to pay more."

"Newry withdrawal is ultimately about how to allocate local taxes fairly among the four remaining towns in the district. This is a crucial and critical public policy issue. Should wealthier individuals and communities pay more to educate all our children? Is there a fairer system?"

"The essential qualities of education that preserve people's rights and liberties, as mentioned in the Constitution, should not be different from town to town."

Polak told the board he supported the establishment of a four-town committee to consider changing the current cost-sharing formula. "It should be up to the remaining four towns and their voters to determine how to fairly pay for educating all our students."

MATH TEACHER SHORTAGE

Murphy told the board he had received the resignation of Telstar High School math teacher Susan Owens.

Owens, whose resignation was effective Feb. 1, had been employed by SAD 44 since 1999. A search for her replacement is underway.

The School Board approved the appointment of Elaine Dresser to a probationary contract as a grade seven math teacher at Telstar Middle School for the remainder of the current school year.

The district began the school year without a seventh grade math teacher and has relied on an educational technician and a variety of substitute teachers, including Dresser, up to this point.

Dresser is a certified math instructor who previously taught at Telstar from 1987 until 2000.

"We're hopeful that this is going to be a good opportunity for this class," Murphy said. "This class really needs to have some stability for math."

With vacancies for permanent math instructors at both the middle and high school levels, Bethel director Amy Forbes DeVivo expressed concern about the apparent shortage of qualified math teachers.

"I would like the board to understand that we are having a math issue," she said.

Murphy agreed, adding, "I would like the board to also know that we are doing everything we can to get qualified math candidates here," including contacting colleges, taking out ads in newspapers outside of the immediate area, and posting vacancies on education job websites.

He said the shortage of math instructors is a widespread problem, and that there were 20 other math vacancies in the state posted at the beginning of the current school year.

(Note: The writer is a substitute teacher in the SAD 44 Adult Education Department.)

Notes from the State House

By Rep. Fran Head

Greetings from Augusta! This week, I will be mailing out notices to my constituents who have unclaimed property in the Maine Dept. of Treasury. Last year, I was able to notify enough people to claim over $21,000 in unclaimed property—and this year, you could be on the list. Check for yourself at www.maine.gov/UPSearch. Another good website to know about, just in time for tax season, is a listing of tax relief programs offered by the state of Maine. Visit www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/ to learn more.

On Thursday, Feb. 25, I will be presenting the bill I sponsored LD 1584: "An Act To Continue To Provide Group Exemption Passes to State Parks for Persons with Disabilities." What I would like to see is the Bureau of Parks and Lands to continue offering passes for State Parks to Mainers with disabilities. These "group exemption passes" have been in place for many years, but have been suddenly revoked following a letter dated December 31, 2015, when the Bureau decided to no longer issue complementary passes due to "budget concerns."

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Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Officer Ovide "Buddy" Richard of the Bethel Police Department received the Law Enforcement Bravery Award from the Maine Association of Chiefs of Police.

High winds, frigid temperatures and numerous power outages were reported in the area.

Births: Cadence Coombs, Cruze Domery Kimball.

Deaths: Earlon A. Kenniston, Elaine M. Bryant, Gregory D. Waite, Patricia Gill.

20 years ago: The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was on display at Telstar Regional High School.

First graders at the Agnes Gray School in West Paris created a mural with local artist Duncan Slade.

Birth: Justin Scott Hadley.

Deaths: Donald D. Frechette, Sr., Robert L. McKeen, Jr., Rosalia V. Bachelder, Sylvia P. Ordway.

30 years ago: The former Bethel Inn garages on Mason Street had been sold to a Portland architect who planned to convert them to condominiums.

The Telstar girls' ski team won the cross-country and cross-country relay titles at the Class A state meet.

Birth: David Anderson, Jr.

Deaths: Henrietta Ida Richards, Addie Mary Sutherland, Rhiannon Laurel Shimamura.

40 years ago: Karen Lee Brown announced her Republican candidacy for the Maine House of Representatives, District 63.

Candy Bennett was crowned queen and Alan Seames crowned king at Telstar's carnival ball.

Deaths: George B. Morrill, III, Harry M. Swift, Fred Aubin.

50 years ago: The Bethel Fire Dept. held an open house at the new Fire Station on Sunday, February 27, from 3 to 8 PM.

The house known as the Richardson place three miles above Gilead on the north side of the Androscoggin was destroyed by fire.

Births: David Lee Mills, Lois Faith Lane.

Deaths: Wilma Croteau Daley, Duncan MacPherson.

60 years ago: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Robertson of Rockwood explained the making of the "Northwoods Nature Plaques," which they originated and manufactured, on Bud Leavitt's TV show in Bangor.

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Lowell were guests of honor at a housewarming at their new home.

Birth: Edna Clara Tripp.

Deaths: Harvey N. Bragdon, Mrs. Harriett Hall.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and family moved into their recently purchased home, the former Ahira Smith place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keoskie moved into their home on Railroad Street.

80 years ago: The Mothers' Club of the Methodist Church served a Colonial Supper. Waitresses were dressed as colonial maids and matrons.

Nearly 50 Bethel businessmen attended a meeting to form an organization for promoting the industrial interests of the town, and find a business interesting in taking over the vacated Stowell-MacGregor property in Bethel.

Deaths: Mrs. Helen Howard, Mrs. Lydia Swicker, John V. Holt, Mrs. Aubrey Cummings, John D. M. Kimball.

90 years ago: Bethel Inn guests enjoyed a "Sugaring-off" and tea at the shack.

Death: Mrs. Emma E. Kilgore

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Theater, which operated for nearly a century before closing in 2011.

"People in Berlin are so excited to have this theater open again," she said, noting that until The Gem opened its doors, the only option for Berlin moviegoers was traveling to a theater in Lancaster.

Kickstarting

Several years ago, the film industry began issuing movies in digital format, rather than on film, requiring theaters to install new projection equipment in order to screen new releases.

Like many small-town theaters throughout the county, the Casablanca, in busianess since 1995, closed its doors in 2012, after its owners decided the cost to upgrade to a digital projection system was prohibitive.

For more than three years, the area was without a movie theater, until Weisberger and Kavanaugh, both natives of Winthrop who had married and settled in Bethel after several years in New York City, decided last fall to take a chance on the empty building.

To pay for the upgrades, they launched a Kickstarter campaign that rewarded donors with movie tickets, hoping to raise $20,000. That amount, when matched by a $20,000 ticket pre-purchase from Sunday River, would have given them the $40,000 needed to upgrade the largest theater to digital projection.

As it turned out, the campaign raised over $75,000 in just three weeks, allowing them to upgrade the projection systems in not one, but two, of the building's four theaters.

Eric Morris of NW Projection in Portland, Oregon flew to Maine two weeks ago to complete the digital conversion of the two largest theaters, just in time for The Gem to open with new releases for the February vacation week.

The sudden dip in temperatures on the theater's opening weekend had moviegoers flocking to fill the seats.

"Our matinee of 'The Good Dinosaur' sold out on that cold Sunday afternoon," Kavanaugh said.

Figuring it out

Each movie distributor has different rules that theaters showing their films must follow.

New releases may require booking for a two- or three-week minimum run. The most popular releases further restrict theaters to a "clean run," meaning no other film can be shown during the same time period in a theater showing that film.

The Gem's owners are hoping to appeal to a cross-section of moviegoers by showing three different movies each week, something that requires a bit of juggling at times.

Besides the two theaters that were converted for digital projection, which seat audiences of up to 204 and 108, a smaller, 78-seat theater is equipped to show older movies or films that are released straight to Blu-ray.

"When we have two movies that require a clean run, we'll try to show an independent film or something else in the smaller theater," Kavanaugh said.

Depending on how well a film does nationwide over the weekend, the percentage of box office receipts that must be paid to screen it is adjusted weekly, and theaters make decisions on Mondays about what movies to screen next.

Even though The Gem has hired a booking agent to help them navigate the process of negotiating contracts with various movie distributors, Kavanaugh said he still spends a lot of time on the phone, checking costs and availability.

"We're starting to figure it all out," he said.

Up next at The Gem are the top box office hit, "Deadpool" and the family movie "Kung Fu Panda 3," starting this Friday.

At the same time, Kavanaugh said, they also hope to have "The Big Short," a comedy-drama about an eccentric hedge fund manager and the 2008 financial crisis.

He and Weisberger look forward to being able to screen "Tumbledown" in the near future. The romantic comedy by Portland filmmakers Sean Mewshaw and Desiree Van Til is set in Van Til's hometown of Farmington (though filmed in Massachusetts).

Poster sales for THS softball

In the process of cleaning and organizing the theater, Kavanaugh and Weisberger discovered more than a thousand movie posters from the years when it operated as Casablanca.

Coaches and players from the Telstar softball team organized the posters and held a sale at the theater to raise money for the softball program. Throughout last weekend people dug through stacks of rolled posters stacked on tables in the lobby and chose their favorites to purchase.

Posters not sold over the weekend will be taken to Telstar, where the team will continue to sell them until they are gone.

The Gem is open Friday through Monday, with late-morning, early- and late-afternoon, and evening showings. For details, visit the theater's website, www.thegemtheater.com, follow them on Facebook, or call 824-8248.

Above, Linda LeBlanc of Mexico and granddaughter Nevaeh sample The Gem's gourmet popcorn while waiting for the show to start. Below inset, Jennifer and Jamie Doyle and sons Quin and Will, who said they come to Bethel every February from their home on Martha's Vineyard, were excited to see the movie theater was back in operation. Below, Deb Mills looks through the selection of movie posters that were sold at the theater last weekend as a fundraiser for the Telstar softball team. *A. Wight Chapman*

Newry

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account is currently somewhat short of $800,000, she said.

To address the problem, Bernard recommends the town gradually pare down the annual amount it takes from Surplus to offset taxes. In recent years that has been $100,000. Selectmen decided to propose reducing it to $75,000 this year, and reduce it further in upcoming years until it is eliminated.

Selectman Jim Largess said that practice of using the funds toward taxes began at a time in the past when Newry had significantly more than the recommended amount in the account.

Bernard noted the town is currently raising about $250,000 less than what it is spending on the municipal budget. She said that in the spring months the town does not have enough cash flow to pay its SAD 44 bill. "We'll dip into the Money Market Account in April to pay the bill," she said.

On a related issue, residents will be asked for a nonbinding advisory vote on whether to change the towns fiscal year from the current Jan. 1-Dec. 31 to be concurrent with SAD 44 and the state (July 1-June 30), to also help reduce the cash flow problem.

Selectmen did approve an article to propose appropriating $100,000 from Unappropriated Surplus to the Capital Improvement Account.

On another finance issue, Bernard said the 2 percent discount the town allows on taxes paid within 30 days of billing costs the town about $50,000 a year. "You're subsidizing the discount," she said.

The selectmen said it might be advisable to eliminate it, but townspeople so far have shown little interest.

Among regular large accounts proposed each year:

Insurance is recommended at $55,850, up from $42,355 (due to regular cost increases, as well as a proposal to start paying 85 percent of employee family health premiums, instead of the current practice of paying 100 percent for the employee and none for the family);

Highways and Bridges maintenance proposed at $137,950, up from $128,550 approved last year (up due to miscellaneous roadwork costs and a bump up in a three-year maintenance contract);

Fire Department operation at $66,750, up from last year's $64,500;

Tri-Town Solid Waste $137,881, nearly the same as last year.

Bernard said that overall, routine account costs look to remain steady or be down slightly.

In municipal elections, for which voting will take place March 7 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Selectman Gary Wight and School Director Whitney Gray are running unopposed.

The March 8 meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall. It will be preceded by a pot luck supper at 6 p.m.

Statehouse

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As reported last week in the Bethel Citizen, programming for disabled children and adults has been jeopardized. One of the things I learned after speaking with constituents is that state park visits provide disabled children and adults with the opportunity to develop a greater appreciation of nature, in addition to activities promoting new life skills and confidence building.

These passes are very important to groups like Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation, which is why we need to continue funding the exemptions. Mainers are privileged to have so many state parks available, and adults and children with disabilities shouldn't be prevented from visiting them because of a simple oversight within state government. I hope we can take care of this in time so that summer programs can continue as planned, with no additional cost.

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Briefly

Bethel to post roads

BETHEL-The roads in Bethel will be posted for [illegible] beginning on March 1, according to Town Manager Christine Landes.

Bethel man indicted

PARIS-Richard Marin of Bethel has been indicted on a felony charge of leaving the scene of a serious accident last October. Martin, 46, was charged in October two days after his vehicle struck a bicyclist on Church Street in Bethel. According to the accident report, at 1:45 p.m. Oct. 16, 2015, "the weather was good, the sky was clear and it was daylight" when Dylan Rivard was bicycling along the side of Church Street where there was a line of parked cars. Rivard "drove out into the roadway between two parked cars," according to the report, "failed to yield" to traffic and rode into the path of the 2012 Kia being driven by Marin. Rivard, 14, an accomplished ski racer in his hometown of Goffstown, N.H., was critically injured and transported to Maine Medical Center in Portland. According to paramedics at the scene, Rivard suffered head injuries and broken bones. He was wearing a helmet. According to police, Marin left the scene of the accident and was located two days later where he was arrested at his home. His vehicle was impounded after he was charged, and police reconstructed the accident to determine if he had time to swerve to avoid hitting Rivard. According to reporting officer Oxford County Deputy Andrew Whitney, even if police determine Marin could not have avoided the accident "obviously they've still hit-and-run and left the scene." Marin made his initial appearance in 8th District Court in October and was later released from the Oxford County Jail on $2,000 cash bail. He was issued a summons on the indictment. If convicted, he faces up to 5 years in jail and a $5,000 fine. According to the Gould Academy website, Rivard is a student there where he is on the ski team.

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Fournier met with CLA representatives earlier this month to discuss the issue, and said in a followup e-mail to them, "It is clear to me that the use of this watercraft bothers many of you a great deal, even if for a short period of time, and with that I am removing this from the program from here forward."

He went on to say that the airboat "was not integral to the program, as the program is very successful without it. It was certainly one activity that the young people really enjoyed a great deal, and an activity that was included as part of the orginal concept based on the Warden Service plans for Camp North Woods.

"I appreciate the thought and effort to bring this to the table and I personally am looking forward to a successful program season and a continued partnership with our greater community, including CLA," Fournier said.

In other business at last week's selectmen's meeting, the board agreed to put up a sign at the roadside spring on Route 26, noting that it is maintained by the Town of Woodstock and its Conservation Commission.

After long search, family buys Jolly Drayman

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Enrico Ronci, his wife Dani Jacobs-Ronci, and their daughter Helena are the new proprietors of the Briar Lea Inn and the Jolly Drayman Pub in Mayville.

Many people dream of owning a romantic bed-and-breakfast in New England whether or not they have previous innkeeping experience, and some are able to make their dreams come true.

But few do as much homework before taking the plunge as Helena Ronci.

Helena and her parents, Enrico and Dani, formerly of Los Angeles, recently became the new owners of the Briar Lea Inn and the Jolly Drayman Pub at 150 Mayville Road in Bethel.

Helena, who had been working as a college enrollment advisor, said a year ago she began to explore business opportunities that could provide her parents with a retirement income.

She eventually decided on a small inn that they could all run together, with her parents taking a major role while she continued to work in the education field.

Thus began a months-long research project, as she studied the unique characteristics and the financial records of small inns from California to Kansas to New England.

"She looked at every B&B in the country," said Dani of her daughter's exhaustive investigation.

In the end, they narrowed the search to two New England properties, the Briar Lea in Bethel and an inn in Vermont. Helena and Dani made a trip east in September to visit both and make a decision.

Helena said that when she and her mother visited Bethel for the first time, three things stood out that convinced them they were making the right choice: the water, the trees, and the people.

"California is in the middle of a drought, and it was so nice to see all the water here. And you have trees!" she said.

They could tell immediately that Bethel was a friendly town by the way they were greeted by strangers on the street, a new but welcome experience for them.

That impression has been borne out by their first weeks of running the inn and sharing stories in the Jolly Drayman with both winter visitors and locals.

"There was someone who had been in the pub twice, and when I saw him downtown, he recognized me and said hello," Helena marveled.

Dani will take on the duties of bartender, while Enrico will assist head chef Jason Chamberlain in the kitchen. Helena plans to work full time outside the inn, and has also been accepted into Northeastern University's online Master of Education program, to start in April.

For the immediate future, no changes are planned to the Jolly Drayman's popular menu, which includes a wide selection of pub food, traditional English favorites like fish and chips and bangers and mash (English pork sausages with grilled onions and mashed potatoes), and Indian selections, including curry and masala dishes.

By next fall, however, expect to see the addition of some authentic Italiadishes, including handmade pastas, sauces, and Old World pizza, a nod to Enrico's heritage. He grew up in Anzio, Italy during World War II, later moving to Rome, where he competed in Greco-Roman wrestling as a member of the 1960 Olympic team before emigrating to the U.S.

Enrico's brother and his wife, who still live in Italy, are planning a visit in May. His sister-in-law is an accomplished cook and will be sharing the recipes, techniques, and secrets of traditional Italian cooking with him and the rest of the kitchen staff.

Catering, small wedding parties, and family reunions are all in the Roncis' future plans for the inn.

Long-range improvements, which they plan to undertake a little at a time, include adding a stone terrace for an al fresco dining area behind the converted barn, remodeling a dilapidated barn into an open-air European-style kitchen, deli, and bakery, and expanding the inn's capacity from the current six guest rooms with the addition of three suites.

Enrico, who retired from a nearly 40-year career with Hollywood estate architect Ronald G. Firestone, customizing and installing natural stone features in luxury homes and hotels, also plans to add a day spa, fire pit, and barbecue to the inn's backyard.

For right now, "we're easing into the rhythm, starting to get into the routine," said Helena.

The Roncis are enjoying being a part of the community and look forward to meeting new friends at the Jolly Drayman. The pub is open every day for dinner from 5-9 p.m. More information about the inn and pub can be found at www.briarleainn.com or by calling 824-4717.

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

From the TWISI archives:

Another birthday came and went without fanfare or incident. I don't pay much attention to my birthday anymore only that I hope they keep coming for many, many more years.

The only birthday that really depressed me was my 30th. There was something about 30 that I felt clearly separated me from "girl" and cast me into the role of "woman."

It seemed to me that when a person is in their 20s, though definitely an adult, they can be forgiven for a certain amount of irresponsible behavior. You can still do the party scene and no one thinks much about it. In one's 30s it is time to settle down and act like a responsible adult.

So, for those reasons and a few others I won't bother to go into, turning 30 was depressing for me. Turning 40 and 50 didn't bother me at all, in fact I felt as a woman I was really coming into my own. Now "my own" seems to have sagged, bagged and gone elsewhere.

I get more concerned about the birthdays of my children than I do my own. Their aging makes me feel older than my own aging. When I hear my son complain about aches and pains and loss of stamina it makes me feel my own aches and pains and loss of stamina.

When I hear him lament about how he just can't do some of the things he used to it reminds me of how I don't even remember what I used to be able to do.

Saturday night did jog my memory a bit when we did a family outing at the bowling alley. It has been many years since I went bowling and I was pleasantly surprised to find I still had pretty good form, just a lot more of it.

The first string went pretty well, but my fingertips hurt a bit. I was feeling pretty smug thinking the old gal still had it.

About half way through the second string I realized that whatever it was that the old gal had was starting to leave in a hurry. The bowling balls were getting heavier and the pins seemed to be getting farther away. By the end of the second string my knees and back had decided that they didn't want to move at the same time and I could no longer feel my fingertips at all.

> The bowling balls had been switched to ones weighing at least three times as much.

When a third string was suggested I groaned and so did my entire body. After a little taunting about how maybe the old folk should go home to bed, I gave in to continuing and even made threats of how I would beat each and everyone of those young smarty-pants.

When it was my turn I discovered that someone had played a dirty trick on me. The bowling balls had been switched to ones weighing at least three times as much.

I wasn't about to let on that I had all I could do to lift one let alone roll it down the lane. I did it though, and I did beat every one of the smarty-pants, even if my right arm had gone numb in the process. I had to use my left hand just to bend my right elbow so I could take a drink of soda.

I was pretty proud of myself and I even managed to crawl out to my car all by myself.

My husband reminded me how we used to go bowl four or five strings and then go dancing or at the very least go to a movie. This time, however, I just went home and applied Ben-Gay to all my aching muscles and took a handful of Tylenol for my aching joints.

I guess the reality is that even though aging doesn't bother me that much it sure as heck bothers my body. Bowling isn't exactly a high impact sport. I can only imagine how my body would have responded if we had gone roller-skating.

I thought I was in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in, but I guess the shape I'm in isn't very good.

This might be a good time to start using some of the exercise equipment I have hanging around the house. In fact, it would be quite a bit of exercise just finding where I have put the darn stuff.

I could take up walking or jogging, but you actually have to go outside to do that and I'm in no shape to do it anyway. I would join a health club, but you apparently have to go there to get healthy.

Maybe if I start some kind of exercise now I'll be in much better shape by my next birthday.

Maybe I should just take up bowling because the way I see it, that's right up my alley.

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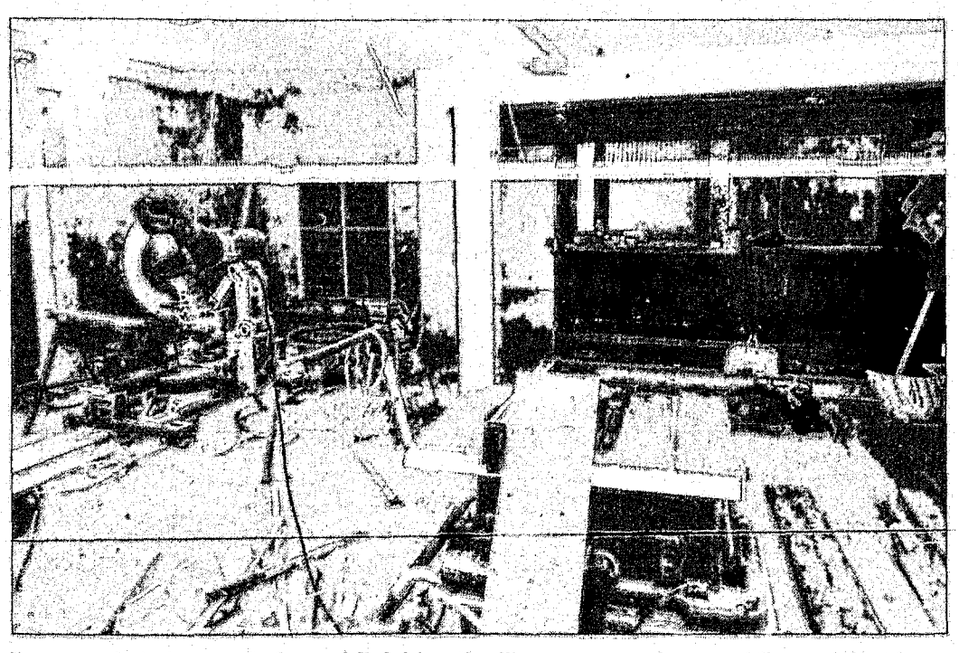
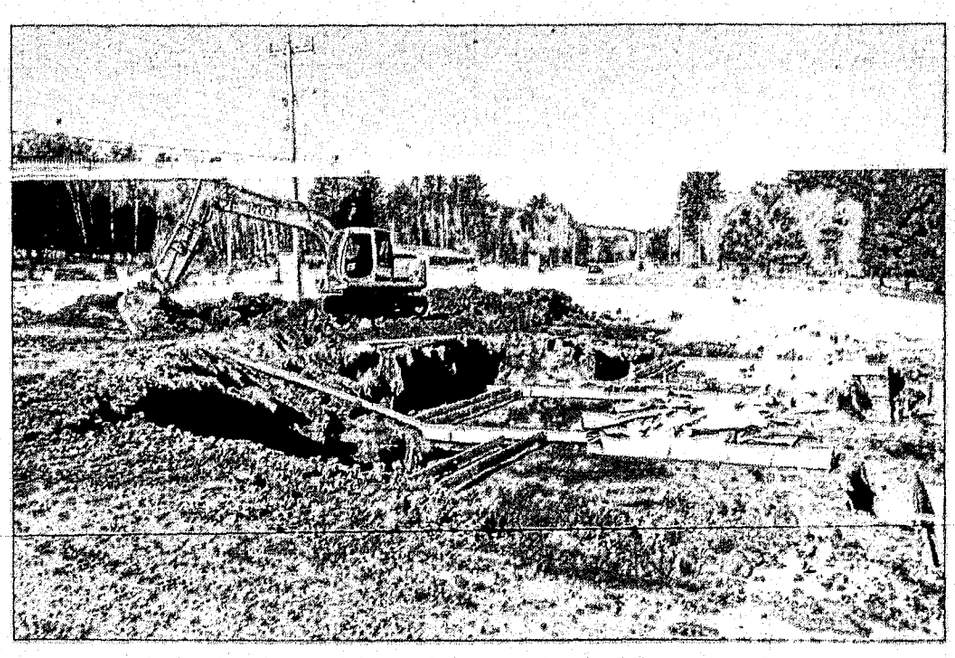


Progress is being made toward finishing the library-research area at the new Huntoon Barn at the Bethel Historical Society.



New construction has begun for a real estate office building in Mayville. *D. Bennett*

From the

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, Feb. 15

At 2:42 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland received a report of telephone harassment on Andrews Hill Road in Woodstock.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

At 9:20 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to Patte Brook Road in Albany for a car-pole vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

At 2:57 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of a broken gas pump handle and hose in a business parking lot in Bethel. The complainant stopped at a Mayville gas station and determined it belonged to them.

At 3:41 p.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Matt McDonnell responded to Main Street in Hanover for a single vehicle rollover crash. No injuries were reported.

At 5:15 p.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Matt McDonnell responded to the Monkey Brook Road in Newry for a single vehicle rollover. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

At 6:48 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to the Mayville Road in Bethel to assist the Bethel Fire Department with a vehicle fire. The fire was put out on scene with a fire extinguisher.

Thursday, Feb. 18

At 4:55 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Mayville and Sunday River roads in Bethel. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, Feb. 20

At 3:56 a.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to the Andrews Hill Road in Woodstock for a report of a vehicle off the road. There was heavy front end damage and airbag deployment. The driver had left the scene. Later in the day the driver was located and summosed for leaving the scene.

Sunday, Feb. 21

At 7:09 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a report of a single vehicle crash on the Gilead Road in Gilead. No injuries were reported.

At 7:12 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a single vehicle crash. The driver lost control on icy roads and went off the road. The truck ended up rolling over. There were no injuries.

At 9:48 a.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell contacted a caller who had questions about the Sex Offender Registry and employment in the area.

At 11:03 a.m. a report was received of an assault that took place in Andover. Deputy Matt McDonnell was assigned.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT

New building started in Mayville

Construction of the Mason Bancroft Team's Maine Real Estate Network office building in Mayville has gotten started, so it looks. Rapid Ralph and Son, Concrete Foundations, South Paris, are on the job. Coleman Concrete poured the footings at week's end.

The new building will stand on what I call a piece of the "amilk truck" lot. At one time, many years ago the State had a shed here for storing snow fence in the summer. Snow fences are no longer part of our winter culture.

Inside work at the Huntoon Barn

Dan Gibbs is currently working in the future library research area of the Bethel Historical Society's new building addition. The north wall of this main area holds the former Bethel Post Office main window and individual PO boxes as they were installed in 1952.

In 2007 Charles Huntoon, who was a retired engineer in the Portland area presented his collection of books on North American Indians used in the publication of an Abenaki dictionary to the Society.

The next year he made a gift of $100,000 to the Society which resulted in the establishment of the Society's Charitable Gift Annuity program. The Huntoon family of Rumford goes back several generations.

In World War II Mr. Huntoon was the pilot of a B24 bomber based in England that was making bombing runs into German to strike major strategic targets.

In July 2010 he was interviewed by Patricia DiGeorge about a mission the then First Lieutenant Huntoon had piloted his B24 named Hoo-Jive into Germany to bomb a strategic industrial plant but the plane lost two engines from enemy fire and Lieutenant Huntoon had to nurse his plane into Sweden where he, the crew and the plane were interned. The plane was later repaired and the crew returned to England. So besides being a major Bethel Historical Society contributor and benefactor, Mr. Huntoon is a certified war hero.

Bucky Burnham

Very sorry to read about Bucky Burnham's death Bucky was about as real a person as humans can get. From our connections as Gould students and football players to just recently, he never changed. 39 years ago I met Bucky again after having just returned from the Army to Bethel when he brought his hounds to our house in search of a bear hit by a car there the night before. Had a chance to ride in the flat bed of Bucky's truck with four hounds around me trying to lick my face – so happy to have me join them on the truck. It was great to meet Bucky at the fall Gould Alumni reunions.

Minutes of the Feb. 2 Greenwood selectmen's meeting

1.Open Meeting – Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. with Selectman Arnold Jordan, Selectman Amay Chapman, Town Manager Kimberly Sparks, and Deputy Clerk Angela Lovejoy in attendance.

2.Pledge of Allegiance.

3.Warrants – It was motioned and seconded to accept Warrant #31 ($16,137.51), and Warrant #32 ($20,314.80). Motion passed 3-0.

4.Minutes – It was motioned and seconded to accept the minutes of Jan. 19, 2016 as written. Motion passed 3-0.

5.Comments from the Public – No one present wished to comment. No Selectboard members were contacted outside the meeting.

6. Letter of Support for Age Friendly Community Plan through AARP– Town Manager Sparks mentioned that residents in Town had filled out a survey for the plan regarding elderly resident housing, transportation and other issues of concern. She said the Town would become a fiscal agent for any grants through the plan involving Greenwood. Peter Musso was the current contact. The Board signed the letter of support.

7. Special Town Meeting for Municipal Road Bond – The Board scheduled the meeting for March 1, 2016 to be held during the Selectboard meeting.

8. 2016/2017 Budget Meetings – Town Manager Sparks mentioned that Thursdays worked best for most of the committee members. Selectman Chapman said Wednesdays would be better for her but if Thursday ended up being the day she would just be a little late to the meetings. Sparks said the meetings were planned to start the second week of March.

9.Update from Greenwood Fire Department – Fire Chief Albert Curtis, Jr. attended. Curtis said he had received a grant for an AED (defibrillator) for the Town Office. He said he had asked three devices and got one. He mentioned that Pace was willing to train the Office staff if they wished. Curtis said he had also been able to replace some of his worn hoses with new ones with grant money as well.

10. Meetings and Events – Town Manager Sparks mentioned the following meetings and events: Feb. 3, 2016 Heart n Soul meeting at the Bethel Town Office at 8:30 a.m.; Tuesday Feb. 9, 2016 Bicentennial meeting at the Town Office at 6 p.m.; Feb. 15, 2016 Selectboard meeting at the Town Office at 5:00pm; February 22, 2016 MSAD#44 vote at Telstar High School at 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 23, 2016 Bethel Area Task Force meeting at the Superintendent's Office in Bethel at 3 p.m.; Feb. 24, 2016 Elderly Issues Task Force at the Congregational Church in Bethel at 4 p.m.; and Feb. 25, 2016 Trash Discussion meeting at the Bethel Town Office at 10 a.m.

11.Adjourn – It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m.. Motion passed 3-0.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

The Bethel Library was busy during vacation week. [illegible] children and adults attended Story Time on Thursday, Feb. 18. Amy Wight Chapman read three books by children's author Jan Brett and introduced children to her handmade Hedgie, the hedgehog, who is one of Brett's characters. Story Times in March will be Thursday, March 3 and March 17 at 10 a.m. On Saturday, Feb. 20, ten people attended the author meeting and book signing for Maine author Naya Clifford. "Into the North Woods," Clifford's debut novel, which is set against the backdrop of the White Mountains, is a thriller about a local family thrust into the middle of an environmental controversy. If you missed the meeting, Clifford's book is available at Amazon.com and also at Books N Things in Norway.

The Bethel Library is hosting a "Tech for Seniors Program." This is a free program for senior citizens to help them learn how to use a tablet to connect with family and friends using e-mail, Facebook, and Skype. Participants will also learn how to use apps and fill out forms on line. The free classes are being offered on March 9, 10, 23, and 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. Instruction will be provided by Adult Education instructor Kelly Fraser. Space is limited and people need to sign up at the library. For more information, call the library at 824-2520.

The quilt of the month at the Bethel Library is by Cindy Fraher. It is done in shades of green and brown and features a moose as the centerpiece. The quilt can be viewed in the front room during library hours.

I went skiing at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center with my sister and her three grandchildren on Friday, Feb. 19. My nieces, Tia Panico of Middleburgh, NY, and Hannah Matczak and Katie Matczak of Bellingham, Mass., spent school vacation week with their grandparents, Laurie and Bob Hickey of Shelburne, NH. Spending a day at Carter's is becoming a tradition for their February vacation and we worried all week that there wouldn't be enough snow or there would be too much ice to ski, but trail conditions were good. The staff at Carter's outfitted us with excellent equipment and guided us to the trails with the best conditions.

My mother said that this winter may be what is called an "open winter." I wasn't familiar with the term so, of course, I Googled it. An open winter has less snow than [illegible] may be warmer. I couldn't find a definitive source for the term, but it may come from the fact that the rivers, ponds, and lakes remain open.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

February vacation is over and the kids are back in school. It was the first time I told a child, in this case my grandson, "Why don't you ride your bike? It's nice out." this time of the year. The gardeners among you must be pouring over their seed catalogs earlier this year... am I right? This may turn out to be a long growing season. Time will tell.

Have all of you heard the great news that Jarrod Crockett is running for Oxford County Judge of Probate? He did a great job for us as our Representative and I'm sure he will do the same in this capacity. I hope he has lots of support from the neighborhood. His practice in Bethel and his clients need not worry as the judgeship is a part-time position and will in no way interfere. Notice the tense I am writing this in? It is me showing my support and confidence.

Here is the new Trivia question: In East Bethel there are many acres of land in "Tree Farm." What year did tree farms start in Maine? Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Till next week.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL

Cathryn Lovejoy called me with news of the Nazarene Church. Sunday directly after church, 18 members traveled to South Woodstock for lunch at the Cornerstone Restaurant. She reported there were two Sunday Specials both delicious. The dining room was pleasant and kept them warm as the temperature outside was a chilly 14 degrees below zero.

Last week I wrote about becoming a grandparent and Saturday morning I got the call. Daughter Eva was in the hospital in labor. Only a couple hours later she gave birth to a 6 pound 12 ounce boy, Dean Powell Davis and Eva Jordan Paul announced that their son, Walter Westleigh Davis was named for his grandfather Walter. Everyone is well and home settling in with older siblings Paden age 8 and Lili age 5.

Dad and I are planning a trip by train to visit Eva and Dean in Colorado. We board our train in Boston at South Station and head west through New York to Chicago. In Chicago we board the California Zephyr which speeds us across the continent through the Rockies and Sierra Nevada Mountains to meet the new member of our family.

May your week be blessed with good works and happy people.

Contact me on Facebook, at paulkmarie@gmail.com or 836-2266.

A remote-control wood chipping project took place recently on Richard Grover's land in Mason. See his column, this page. *R. Grover*

Andover

By JANE RICH

Family and friends gathered at the First Congregational Church to celebrate and honor the life of Charles E. Burnham, Jr. (Bucky) with Pastor Linda Couture leading worship and Rev. Jane Rich giving the message and words of remembrance. Linda Dyer played a number of patriotic songs ending with the Marine Hymn just prior to the Military Honors presented by the U.S. Marines. A reception followed in the CEB.

Those interested in snowmobiling should mark their calendars for Wednesday, March 2 since the club will gather at their club house off Route 5 for a meeting to discuss this much asked question, Where's the snow? And other topics related to the sport.

We have already been overwhelmed with the number of political ads and phone surveys regarding the 2016 election, but this is a very important election and everyone who is of voting age needs to participate in the process. To that end may I recommend you take part in the Maine caucuses which will take place on March 5 and 6.

The Republicans will meet on the 5th and this year all Oxford County towns will meet at Telstar High School where the doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and registration for new voters or changes in enrollment will take place at 12 Noon. This will be followed by speeches from the various candidates' campaigns. Voting for the Presidential candidates will close at 4 p.m. and the votes will be counted following that. Republicans or those wishing to become one may contact Paula Smith for further information at 392-1921 or 357-8142.

The Democrats will meet on March 6 at various sites around the state. The Andover caucus at the Town Hall will be called by Bob Duplessie at 1 p.m. with Town Clerk, Melinda Averill taking new voter registrations or change in enrollment at 12:45 p.m. Start time for the presidential preference will be after 1:15 p.m. Any registered Democrat can also request an absentee ballot through the Maine Democratic Party prior to March 2.

Over the last year or two I've heard people complain about Town, State and National government. Complaining does nothing to fix the situation so that our public officials are working to our best interests. What does something is the full participation of the voting age public in the process. If all those who are dissatisfied decided to participate by attending caucuses, expressing their preference for candidates and actually voting in the November election, surely, we could make a change to the way things go in Washington and in our own State Legislature. One statement that applies here is: If you didn't vote you don't have any right to complain. That alone should get people to participate because we all know humans love to complain. Following caucuses I'd like to be able to report that it was the greatest turnout in years. You who are reading this can make that happen.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

I attended a book talk and signing at the Bethel Library on Saturday afternoon. Maine author Naya Clifford read from her debut novel, Into the North Woods, and discussed the process of conceiving the plot, developing the characters, and writing the book. I bought a copy and I'm looking forward to reading it.

I read for 16 children at Story Time at the Bethel Library last Thursday. I can't take credit for the great turnout, which was due partly to a preschool class of nine from a local daycare who walked to the library with their teachers, and partly to the fact that it was vacation week and there were some visitors in town, but it was wonderful to have such a crowd.

I read three books by Jan Brett featuring the adventures of Hedgie, a silly little hedgehog, and brought along a knitted Hedgie I had made for the kids to hold.

It was nice to sit in the rocking chair that was purchased for the library with donations in memory of my mother after she died in 2004. My mom was a school librarian in Connecticut for many years, and volunteered at the Bethel Library for nearly two decades after retiring to Maine, her home state, in 1982.

Story Time is held at 10 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, and welcomes preschoolers and their caregivers. The library also welcomes volunteers to read for Story Time. It's fun!

One more library item: there will be a free, four-session Tech for Seniors class at the Bethel Library from 4 to 5 p.m. on March 9, 10, 23, and 24. Space is limited, so call the library at 824-2520 or stop in to sign up. This class is for seniors who want to learn how to use mobile devices and become more computer literate.

It was good to see Milt Inman at the Universalist Church in West Paris on Sunday. Tony and Will talked with him for quite a while and learned that he and Eleanor got married just a week after she graduated from high school, and had been married for nearly 62 years. That's really something special.

Have a great week! E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

Granddaughter Carrie Phelps and husband Neil have been wanting to purchase property in Mason for some time. Last fall I decided to sell them a triangular shaped 1 acre plot of land just west of my house on Kings Highway.

I spent most of October and November logging the pine logs (with Al Lovejoy's help) on that plot of land, which was heavily wooded with mostly pine trees. When I finally finished logging and selling the marketable logs, I left Neal with a huge amount of leftover tree tops and brush covering most of the lot. In January, Neil came up with one of Doug Jones' large excavators and spent two days assembling all the tree tops an accumulated brush into a single huge pile of "biomass."

Week before last Jones sent Marshall Fleet with a large excavator and his (Jones') "industrial strength" wood chipping machine up to Carrie and Neil's lot. They positioned the chipper on the driveway where its chip chute extended over the road where it could feed into the chip trailer truck beds. In less than a single day, they had chipped more than two trailer truck loads of wood chips and hauled them away, leaving the empty lot covered with ruts and tree I happened to come out of the woods with my Kubo-

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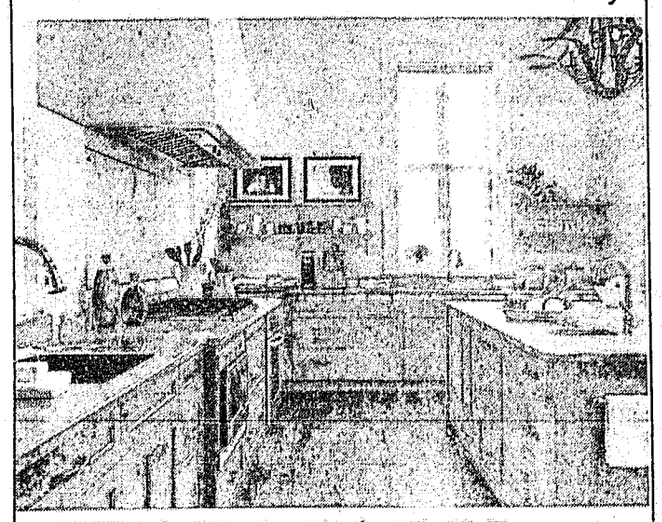

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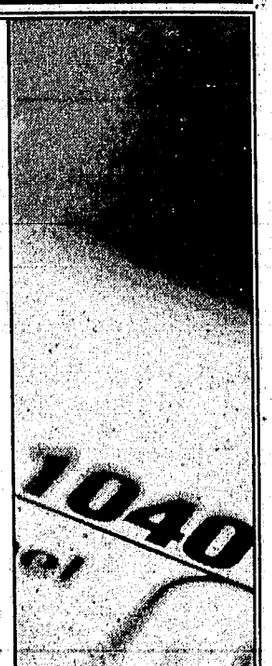

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ta and a large pine log at noon the day Marshall was chipping brush.

I took my camera and went over to watch the chipping operation and get some photos. There was a chip truck in the road next to the lot driveway; Marshall Fleet was in the excavator loading tree tops and brush into the chipper machine, and he had a remote control device with all sorts of buttons and wires hanging out of it in his lap.

This magical device allowed Marshall to remotely control all aspects of the chipper, moving it forward or back, control the chip chute, adjust the chipper's "maw" to allow for big logs to be ground up along with the smaller size brush and to turn the engine on or off.

The truck driver climbed up the ladder at the front end of the chip trailer and watched the chips pile up; as one pile of chips reached the top of the trailer sides, the driver climbed down and drove the truck ahead about six feet and then climbed back up the ladder to watch the next mound of chips pile up before moving ahead again. All the while the chipper was continuously spitting out a stream of chips into the trailer, never stopping until the driver gave the signal that the trailer was full!

Hopefully, a couple of my photos are included, showing the excavator dumping brush into the hopper, and the chips pouring out of the chute into the truck!

make sure the yard is free of ice, too. Thanks to all of them and to Alfred for cleaning up by the mailbox and some in the driveway. Tanner was back on Saturday to clean up after that storm.

Brad McLain came last Saturday to plow up what was left of the snow that fell overnight.

Mary Tyler checked in the other day. She has been working on genealogy projects and was excited to tell me she had made another connection with her ancestors. If you ever want to do some family research, give her a call.

We had phone calls from Peter and Claudia Risbara and also, Bob and Judy Bishop this past week.

I was sorry to hear that Steve and Lise McLain lost one of their beloved pets. I use the word "pet" loosely. When an animal spends over 17 years as part of your family, they become more than just a pet. Demeter lived a very long and happy life with her loving family.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

Well, we have almost gotten through February. At times, the weather seems more like spring. Then the next day, there is a step backwards to December weather.

My brother, Steve McLain, told me the other day that he saw a Bald Eagle flying over the SAD 44 Transportation Garage.

I can't compete with seeing an eagle, but there was a different bird out back of the house last Sunday. This time of year, there are not a lot of small black birds, so I took notice. It was a Cowbird and it appeared to be alone. We still have a couple of male cardinals and the usual birds at the feeder. There are also several juncos and goldfinches.

Last week in the Citizen, there was an item in the 50 years ago section. It mentioned that there was a movie shown at the Gilead Town Hall. I checked with Danna Nickerson and she found the clipping for me. The movie was titled "The Day the Earth Moved" and was about an earthquake in Alaska. It was sponsored by Gilead Civil Defense.

Tanner McLean appeared twice last week to clear up after the rain and snow. On Tuesday, he came to see if the steps and yard needed shoveling and sanding. He has enlisted the aid of his grandparents, Wayne and Linda, to

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. The Men's Fellowship Breakfast was held on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, March 3 at the Town Conference Room for a meeting, potluck dinner and game party. Please bring a dish to share, your own place setting and an item for a game prize.

Franklin Grange will meet Saturday, March 5 at the home of Ken and Alice Hoyt at 10 a.m. for a meeting followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Irving Cole.

Larry Billings says he has had many great experiences. He has been to London, Paris, Florence and Rome. He has met many famous people including three presidents and their wives. He ran a Culture Center and a museum and has a fine education. He once taught briefly in college. He has led a full life.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Eleanor Inman.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER

There was a lot of talent around the Sunday River Valley this past weekend. The Rockin' & Roastin' Cafe and Restaurant had former J Geils Band members Magic Dick and Shun Ng playing Saturday night. The Matterhorn had Skosh playing. And I heard Bob Marley was at Sunday River White Cap.

COMMUNITY DAYS OFFERED AT THE EDDY-The Eddy School in Newry is starting a new community service learning program: Community Days at The Eddy School. When SAD44 has teacher workshop days and The Eddy is in session (March 18 this year), the school is opening its doors to the first 12 K-5 students (including homeschoolers) who sign up to come spend the day engaged in educational activities planned and directed by Eddy School students. Drop off is between 8:30-9 a.m. and pick up is between 1:30-2 p.m. No fee is charged. Students must bring their own snacks and lunch and be dressed for outside play. Registration and release forms must be signed by parents/guardians. Registration will open Feb 25. Parents/guardians can call (207) 381-7716, e-mail at dwebster@alum.mit.edu, or message The Eddy School on Facebook to get on the list. Forms will then be sent out. Registration will close March 4. If registration and release forms are not turned in by March 4, spaces will be given to those on the waiting list.

Submitted photo

And last but not least was Shutdown Brown playing at the Foggy Goggle at the South Ridge Base Lodge. Shutdown Brown has a local connection, a lot of the band members are from the local area. The members are, Peter Poor keys/vocals, Michael Brown guitar/vocals, Will Caswell on drums, Sam Caswell guitar/vocals, Bell Leal on bass and Jeoff Debree and Jonah Bruce on saxophone. My wife and I have been seeing them at the Foggy Google the past couple years. What a great show they put on; they definitely stood up to the national acts this weekend. Good job guys.

I went to the special school board meeting on Monday to listen to debate and vote on the land purchase.

With some good discussion the motion passed. I stayed for the following school board meeting. I wanted to hear what the board was going to decide on whether to set up a cost sharing funding formula committee or not.

Unfortunately, after the board reported on the committee's and usual reports, when it came time to talk about the funding formula committee, they went into executive session. I'm not really sure why they needed to go into executive session to discuss setting up the committee.

I was interested in hearing the board discuss how they were going to set up the committee. I waited around for about 45 minutes to see if they would be done with executive session, but I had to leave.

Thanks to Dr. Murphy for e-mailing me the results of the vote. The school board unanimously voted to begin the cost-sharing funding formula negotiations. I guess now all the towns need to pick their personnel to be on the committee and move forward from there.

Don't forget that municipal elections are on Monday, March 7 and a potluck dinner at 6 o'clock on Tuesday followed by town meeting at 7 o'clock.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER

The Ladies quite often add a special to the Sunday breakfast menu. Last Sunday they offered a choice of cherry or blueberry filled crepes. They were a big hit.

I recently received an online purchase from Ohio. The item came wrapped in a newspaper and in a box. The paper was The Blade from Toledo Ohio. It has a section called "Today's Dog Log." The log listed the dogs that were euthanized that day under the direction of Lucas County Canine Care and Control. The list gave the breed of the dog(s) and the reasons for the euthanizing. Seems to me to be a bizarre thing to put in a newspaper.

The Upton Planning Board will have its first meeting of 2016, Friday, Feb. 26 at the Town Office.

Please call 533-2010, e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com or mail a letter to J.E.B. 367 Back Street Upton with your local news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

Today is Feb. 22, 2016 and it is the day of the Full Snow Moon. It did not snow today, but might tomorrow night (Tuesday) or Wednesday.

Today we went to check on trading in our truck in which the engine is not working properly. Now mind you the truck is an '08 with only 60,000 miles on it, and we treated it well, but we were not the original owners and who knows what happened to her before she came to us. In any case, she is quickly dying and short of a new engine, we had to let her go. The trade in value was way less than what we owed, so we gave her up. In her place, we bought a newer truck, not too different but with a good warranty. It, a new truck, was not what we wanted, but a problem with country living is one needs a vehicle to get around. That is especially true when we age and can no longer walk long distances. We are now the proud or should I say poor, but proud owners of a 2011 Chevy Silverado 4x4 Truck. Wish us luck.

Thursday, Feb. 25 the Western Mountain Senior College will hold a brown bag lunch at the Bethel Inn Library to update people about the Age-Friendly Project. This will be in discussion format. The discussion will surround what can make the Bethel Community more livable as people age. FMI: 381-1103 or nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com.

Also on Feb. 25, in West Paris, SeniorsPlus will hold a long distance learning event from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at West Paris Library. The event is a class on digital hearing aids. It is free with pre-registration at: 1-800-427-1241. That is a class we need.

Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at Norway Universal Church, Elizabeth DeWolfe an award winning author, history prof and chair of the Liberal Studies Program at the University of New England will present a slide show and discussion of the death of Mary Bean and other stories. She will also sign books.

Saturday, Feb. 27, there will be a chicken pie supper 430 to 6 p.m. at VFW Post 9787 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. Adults $8, Children under 12 $4.

Next weekend, Sunday, March 6, the Oxford County Democrats will hold their presidential caucuses. Town of Andover will be at Andover Town Hall at 1 p.m. Town of West Paris will be at West Paris Town office at 3 p.m., the Towns of Bethel, Greenwood and Woodstock, Hanover, Newry, Upton, Lincoln Plantation, and Magaloway shall have theirs at 3 p.m. at Telstar High School. Stoneham and Waterford shall have theirs at Waterford Town Office at 4 p.m. There will be voter registration and party enrolment for unenrolled an hour prior.

That has to be all for this week. Hope all stay warm and have a good, safe week. Anyone wanting anything to appear in this column can reach me at 743-0583.

Presentation on nursing home placement

Do you ever wonder what is involved if you or a loved one faces the need for nursing home placement? Have you ever wondered what the different terms you hear mean? Do you wonder if you'll know when your loved one will need placement? Do you wonder about the cost of nursing home placement? What is the difference between nursing home and skilled care? What is assisted living?

A three-part series on understanding the terms and requirements for nursing home placement is being sponsored by Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris.

This three-part series will be held on Tuesday evenings, March 8, 15, and 22 from 6:30-7:30 each evening. The public is invited to attend and there is no cost for the sessions. People are encouraged to attend any or all sessions. For those who do attend all 3 sessions, a certificate of completion will be presented.

Ellie Newell, RN will be the presenter for the series. She is the Admissions Coordinator for the 90-bed facility located at 477 High Street in South Paris.

The information presented will be useful not only for placement at the Maine Veterans' Home but for any nursing home venue.

A different topic will be addressed at each session, and there will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

Tours of the facility will be available. Pre-registration is not required, but appreciated. Simply call 743-6300, and give the receptionist your name and phone number ant that you plan to attend.

Week #1, March 8 - Topic: Do I or a family member need a nursing home? Discussion of various levels of care, eligibility, payment sources.

Week #2, March 15 - Topic: What to look for when you are looking for a nursing home. How to choose a facility that meets your needs. Planning ahead for placement.

Week #3, March 22 - Topic: The day of admission: what will it be like when one is admitted to a nursing home? Discussion of the actual process of admission, necessary paperwork and information.

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Republican Caucus March 5

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11:30 a.m.: Doors open.

12 p.m.: Registration for new voters/changes in enrollment.

1 p.m.: Registration ends, municipal organizational caucuses begin, presidential vote opens.

2 p.m.: Presidential speeches.

3 p.m.: Other speakers if present, complete caucuses if they have unfinished business.

4 p.m.: Presidential vote closes, ballots counted.

"Tech for Seniors" classes offered at Bethel Library

Seniors who want to become more computer-savvy will have a unique opportunity to learn with their peers at the Bethel Library next month.

Tech for Seniors classes will start by teaching the basics of how to use email and search for information on the Internet, and will help seniors make the most of mobile devices like iPads and smartphones.

Learn how to use Facebook and Skype to stay in touch with family and friends. Read product reviews before making a purchase. Find an on-line community and share a hobby, discuss politics, or get important health information.

Bethel Library Association Director Michelle Conroy partnered with Central Maine Medical Center and the public libraries of Auburn, Lewiston, and Norway to acquire a graant from the Maine State Library to make the Tech for Seniors program possible.

The grant provided funding for classes, as well as the purchase of digital devices for use by participants.

Taught by SAD 44 Media Specialist Kelley Fraser, the first session of classes will be offered on March 9, 10, 23, and 24 (two Wednesdays and two Thursdays) from 4to 5 p.m.

In order to get the most out of the instruction, participants should be prepared to attend all four sessions. Space is limited, but a second session will be scheduled for later in the spring.

Prime Time Ski Club: Staying in balance

Now that Maine school vacation week is over many Prime Time Ski Club members have returned to the Sunday River ski area slopes, hoping to once again enjoy some uncrowded mid-week skiing.

Although Sunday River has the most open terrain in the East with over 525 skiable acres, not as many members seem to be skiing this year or staying out as long during the day compared to last year when we had tons of snow and great conditions throughout the season. This year's challenging conditions, a "weather whiplash" as a Sunday River e-mail described it, have left many of our members feeling uncomfortable on the slopes.

However, it's never too late to take a lesson on how to ski specific conditions whether it be ice or heavy, granular snow, both of which we have had within days of each other. For those who have neither the desire nor the money to take lessons, here are a few tips that could help you enjoy varying conditions more and keep you on the slopes longer each day. The best way to adjust one's skiing to these varying conditions is to make sure that you are in balance, skiing with your weight over the arches of your feet most of the time. One way to tell if you are in balance is if your quadriceps muscles, the large muscles on the front of your thighs, start to hurt. In most cases that means that you weight is too far back. If your calf muscles feel extremely tight while skiing, chances are that your weight is too far forward. It is most common for skiers to be "in the back seat," meaning that weight is too far back.

You can also have a friend ski ahead of you and then watch as you ski down a trail, noting what part of your ski the snow is spraying from — the front, middle or back — and that shows what part of the ski your weight is concentrated on. Another balance test and a good way to tweak your balance is to try lifting the back of one ski while skiing on the flat part of a trail, leaving the tip of the ski on the snow. If you can't do this with each ski, try adjusting your weight back or forward (not a large movement, maybe just an inch or so) until you can lift one ski at a time off the ground and hold it there for a few seconds. This is a good check and adjustment to make during the first run of the day and throughout the day whenever you ski on flat terrain.

When skiing over ice, flatten your skis and then use your edges to skid to slow down. Sideslipping is another way to conquer icy slopes, using skidding and edging for speed control. If you try to carve on icy conditions, you will probably gain too much speed and find it difficult for edges to hold on the ice. The more balanced you are, the more prepared you are to react to changing conditions.

Ski safely and ski with a friend. If you're looking for someone to ski with, you can meet Prime Time Ski Club members at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. weekdays (upper level, right hand side past the bar). Or you can meet up with Prime Timers in the Mahoosuc Room at South Ridge prior to the lifts opening at 9 a.m. Check out our website at www.primetimeskiclub.com.

Age Friendly Community news

"Your Community – a Great Place to Grow Up and Grow Old." This tagline is often used by Age-Friendly Communities. It accurately describes Bethel, don't you think? Partly it means that what's good for our senior population is probably good for all our citizens. That's why we hope you – no matter your stage of life – will join our efforts toward improvements in our already-wonderful community.

For instance, the beginning discussions around providing adequate transportation options for seniors. We would all benefit from more options to get around our community and to appointments (and even pleasure!) elsewhere, wouldn't we? Join our conversation by contacting the Chair of the Community Transportation Task Force, Al Cressy (ajcressy@megalink.net, 824-0508).

Please note this upcoming, free training (only for seniors) offered by the Bethel Library. Class size is very limited, so register now by calling the library (824-2520) or stopping at the front desk. Tech for Seniors - March 9, 10, 23 and 24, 4 to 5 p.m., Bethel Library – free training and free devices for your use. (see related press release in this newspaper).

One advantage you'll gain from this training is the ability to access a wealth of websites containing valuable information. One such site: WebMD, which includes – among lots of other information – "Memory Pictures: Tips to Stay Smart, Sharp, and Focused (http://www.webmd.com/brain/ss/slideshow-fitbrains). FMI: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).

Mahoosuc Land Trust North Pond Adventure

The Mahoosuc Land Trust invites folks of all ages to a walk across North Pond on Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. Meet on the Gore Road in Bryant Pond across from McCrillis Brook Road. Please wear warm clothing and come equipped with snowshoes or ice grippers.

As a highlight of the walk Ron Fournier of Orion Outfitters will demonstrate ice fishing at his portable ice shack near the swimming rock. Ron is an experienced outdoorsman who loves sharing his knowledge. After his demonstration folks are invited to continue across the pond to the Chandlers' home for hot cocoa and cider. Those who don't wish to walk back can be driven to their cars.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, NH, supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

Sports

High School Nordic Skiing

Class C State Races

Thursday, Feb. 18; 6 km freestyle race – Girls' results: 4. Carla Boyle-Wight 19:08, 22. Marta Opie 22:34, 23. Kaitlyn Brown 22:39, and 63. Emily Hanscom 32:16. Boys' results: 9. Kellen True 18:04, 30. Gaelen Boyle-Wight 19:58, 35. Ricco Call 20:36, and 38. Elijah Laird 21:18.

Friday, Feb. 19; 6 km classical race – Girls' results: 4. Carla Boyle-Wight 21:25, 19. Marta Opie 24:29, 21. Kaitlyn Brown 25:03, and 67. Emily Hanscom 36:44. Boys' results: 11. Kellen True 19:55, 26. Gaelen Boyle-Wight 21:36, 29. Josh Eliot 21:45, 32. Elijah Laird 21:58, and 35. Ricco Call 22:28.

The girls' team placed 6th out of 14 teams and the boys placed 5th out of 11 teams. Congratulations also go out to the girls' team for receiving the Class C Good Sportsmanship Award this year! - Coach Sarah Southam

High School Alpine Skiing

Class B State Races

Thursday, Feb. 18; Giant Slalom at Black Mountain - Telstar boys: 27. Joe Dillon 2:14.11; 31. Kellen True 2:19.50. (65 racers; winning time 1:49.54). Telstar girls: 30. Paige Dutterer 2:36.16; Koley True 2:42.14. (51 racers; winning time 1:44.96)

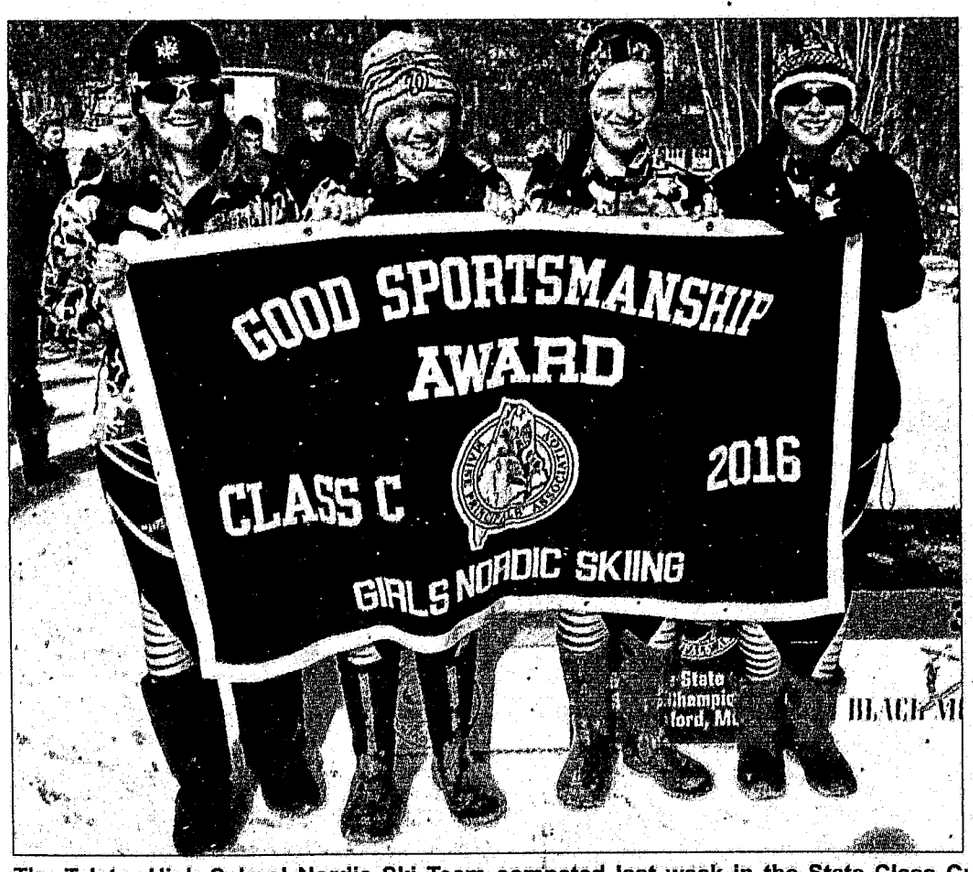
Middle School Girls' Varsity Basketball

A team of 12 Telstar Middle School girls traveled to Jay for a three game tournament on Saturday, Feb 13. The Rebels lost their first game to host Spruce Mountain 14-23. The Rebels then defeated Skowhegan 32-31. Aneah Bartlett made the winning free-throw in sudden death overtime. In the final game of the day the Rebels lost to Champion Boothbay by a score of 22-25. Luci Rothwell played well all day and made the tournament all-star team. Scoring for the Rebels for all three games were: Luci Rothwell 36, Aneah Bartlett 14, Brooklyn Kimball 7, Caroline Newell 5, Lydia Bennett 4, Ella Kellogg 2. – Coach Berry

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

With four games on tap this past Sunday, Tommy Guns was slated to play a double header and almost pulled out two wins. In their first contest, they defeated Archie's (6-4) 78-69, in which they led all the way. T'Guns (7-4, with split) had a balanced attack with Juwan Daniels netting 19, Jordan Greenleaf 17, Dave St. Germain and Robbie Babb 11 each and Josh Thomas with 10. Archie's Colby Knapp had a strong performance all around with 24 points, Ben Ryerson had 5 threes and 17 points, Glen Dubois had 11 and Brett Archibald added 10 more. In Tommy Guns' second contest, they played a wide open game with The Crew, but couldn't hold the lead in the closing minute and were defeated 104-101. The Crew (5-5) were led by bomber Jade Dutil with 32 points and 4 threes. But it was the court presence and leadership of Deion Cheers (23 points) who directed his team to victory. His two foul shots with limited time took the lead for good. After another Crew basket off a turnover, a three point shot by Tommy Guns to tie bounced off the rim. The Crew also had solid scoring from Eric Wilson with 17 points and Justin Cocroft with 12. Tommy Guns' Josh Thomas was high man with 28 points, followed by Jordan Greenleaf (deadly from long range with 6 threes and 22 points), Juwan Daniels 20 and Dave St. Germain with 10.

In other action, Bethel (4-5) overtook M and M Carpentry (4-6), 58-55. Bethel's Dom Haines led his troop with 18 points and some clutch shots, Ryan Savage was next with 12. Matt Zetts and Matt Newell led M and M with 15 and 14 points respectively. Lastly, Laid Back Installers showed its dominance with a trouncing of Jay, 109-43. LBI (8-1) effortlessly ran with easy as Jon Benjamin led with 45 points, Chris Baxter had 24, Brandon Johnson 17 and Eric Canwell 13. Jay (0-9) was paced by Cody Dolloff (3 threes) and Kyle Storer with 11 points each.



The Telstar High School Nordic Ski Team competed last week in the State Class C Championships at Black Mountain. The girls' team received the Good Sportsmanship Award. From left are: Carla Boyle-Wight, Kaitlyn Brown, Marta Opie, and Emily Hanscom. *Wade Kavanaugh*

The Telstar Nordic team sported new uniforms for its end of season championship races, thanks to the Bethel Outing Club, Telstar Boosters, SAD 44, and those who helped with the fundraising efforts (Telstar Relays and Cookie Dash). Front: Emily Hanscom, Kaitlyn Brown, Marta Opie, Carla Boyle-Wight, Gaelen Boyle-Wight. Back: Elijah Laird, Kellen True, Josh Eliot, Ricco Call.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours – No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street. Donations for the Bethel Food Pantry should be left on the porch at 57 Elm Street. Contact Dave Bean at beand@gouldacademy.org or 824-0369 with any questions.

Thursday, Feb. 25

SeniorsPlus Long-Distance Learning Event; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. A class on digital hearing aids. Free with pre-registration. FMI/Registration: 1-800-427-1241.

Fourth Thursday Poetry Group; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Public Library. Bring your own or others' work to share. Help plan for the months ahead. Light refreshments will be served. FMI: 364-3661.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. $10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Book Talk/Signing; 7 p.m., Norway Universalist Church. Elizabeth DeWolfe, award winning author, history professor and chair of the Liberal Studies program at the University of New England, will present a slide show and discussion on The Murder of Mary Bean and Other Stories. This event is free and open to the public. The Murder of Mary Bean is available at Books 'N' Things in Norway and will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Chicken Pie Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. Adults/$8, kids (under 12) $4. Sponsored by AMVETS Post 777.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/$5. Old-fashioned dance music.

Tuesday, March 1

Drivers' Education; Classes start March 1 and will be held in room 133 at Telstar High School. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 5:30. FMI or to sign up, call Western Maine Driving Academy at 743-8351.

Special Greenwood Town Meeting; 6 p.m.at Town Office, to vote on $750,000 road bond.

Wednesday, March 2

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Club Meeting; 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. All are invited to attend.

Adult Coloring Program; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. The library will supply coloring books and colored pencils, if participants have their own supplies they are welcomed to bring them. If you want to get started on the latest form of relaxation, tap your creative side, or you need a quiet space to do your coloring please stop by the library. FMI: 743-5309 or www.norway.lib.me.us.

Thursday, March 3

"Is Your Tummy Talking to You – Understanding Digestive Health"; 4:30 to 6 pm, Congregational Church, 32 Church Street. The program will be presented by Roberta Balon, MS, RD, CDE, Clinical Nutrition Services Director at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H. She will explain the connection between how one's brain influences the digestive track, affecting the immune system, and will cover prebiotics and probiotics and how they help the body through diet. Additional digestive problems will be discussed. The program is sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. Public invited. Admission is free. Light refreshments. FMI: 824-2053.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. $10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Friday, March 4

World Day of Prayer; 11 to 1 p.m., luncheon follows prayer service. Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church, Route 26, Bethel. Area churches participate in this ecumenical service. All are welcome.

Saturday, March 5

Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be for sale. Come join the fun and help the Ladies' Auxiliary send three young girls to Girl State.

Walk across North Pond; 10 a.m. The Mahoosuc Land Trust invites folks of all ages. Meet on the Gore Road in Bryant Pond across from McCrillis Brook Road. Please wear warm clothing and come equipped with snowshoes or ice grippers. As a highlight of the walk Ron Fournier of Orion Outfitters will demonstrate ice fishing at his portable ice shack near the swimming rock. After his demonstration folks are invited to continue across the pond to the Chandlers' home for hot cocoa and cider. For more information, please call 207-824-3806.

2016 Republican Caucus; Telstar High School. Doors open at 11:30. Registration for new voters/changes in enrollment begins at 12. Voting 1 to 4 p.m.

Family Winterfest; 1 to 4 p.m., Boxberry School at Camp Fernwood Cove, Harrison. Sledding, snowshoeing, XC Skiing, ice skating (conditions permitting) and a campfire with hot chocolate and s'mores! $5/person or $20/family. FMI/Directions: 743-9700 or boxberryschool@gmail.com.

9th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting; 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday River Inn, Newry. Hosted by the Bethel Rotary. $30 per person. Proceeds benefit community projects and scholarships.

Sunday, March 6

Oxford County Democrats Municipal Caucus Meetings; Town of Andover: Andover Town Hall at 1 p.m. Town of West Paris: West Paris Town Office at 3 p.m. Towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, Hanover, Gilead, Albany, Newry, Upton, Lincoln and Magalloway: Telstar High School at 3 p.m. Towns of Stoneham and Waterford: Waterford Town Office at 4 p.m. Voter registration and party enrollment, one hour prior to start..FMI: http://www.mainedems.org/caucus/.

Monday, March 7

Ballot Voting; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Newry Town Office, for selectman and school director.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: How do we pursue happiness? Moderator: John Wolons. Light refreshments provided. FMI: 583-6957.

Tuesday, March 8

Newry Annual Town Meeting; 7 p.m., Bear River Grange Hall, Newry. Preceded at 6 p.m. by potluck supper.

March 9, 10, 23 and 24

Tech for Seniors Class; 4 to 5 p.m., Bethel Library. Learn how to use Facebook and Skype, read product reviews, find online communities to share hobbies or discuss politics, or get important health information. Instructor: SAD 44 Media Specialist Kelly Fraser. FMI/Enrollment: 824-2520 or visit the library's front desk.

Wednesday, March 9

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting; 11 a.m. Northland Dairy Bar, Berlin, N.H. The bus will leave the Bethel Health Center at 10:15 a.m. sharp. Members will be eating from the menu – all meals and gratuities will be each person's responsibility. Call Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 for reservations before March 1.

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Thursday, March 10

Age-Friendly Transportation meeting; Time and place yet to be determined. (Postponed from Feb. 24.)

Library Program on Palestine; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Jim Chandler will be the guest speaker, talking about his recent trip to Palestine. In 2007 Jim met a fellow teacher at the World Forestry Institute and has kept in touch with teachers and students in Palestine. Come learn a bit about living and working in, and the culture of, Palestine. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Dodge for a Cure; 3 to 5 p.m., Telstar gymnasium. This event is a charity dodgeball tournament typically between students and staff teams of eight. This year, the tournament is open to parents as well. Proceeds raised benefit cancer research at the Dempsey Center in Lewiston.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. $10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, March 12

Oxford Hills Hone Bee Club Meeting; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker will be Commercial Bee Keeper Tony Bachelder. Topic will be feeding bees in the winter, and spring management. Public's welcome. FMI: Christopher Easton (cpeaston@megalink.net) or mainehoneybees.com.

Turkey Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., American Legion Hall, 184 Congress Street, Rumford. Turkey, potatoes, stuffing, grave, peas, corn, cranberry sauce, rolls, brownie sundaes, coffee, tea and punch. Adults $7, kids 5-12 $5, under 5 free. Chinese auction items. 50/50 raffle. Proceeds benefit the family of Sally Campbell, who recently passed away from cancer. FMI: Brenda (743-7647) or Kathy (743-6875).

Sunday, March 13

Country Breakfast; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. Hosted by Bethel Rotary. Adults $8 ($10 at the door), children $5. Proceeds benefit Rotary projects.

Monday, March 14

Route 2 Androscoggin River Bridge project in Bethel begins, with alternating traffic.

Bethel selectmen's meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Wednesday, March 16

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Thursday, March 17

Website Visibility Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street, Bethel. Topics covered include: What Search Engine Optimization (SEO) used to be and what it is now, factors that affect how well your site is ranked, basics of SEO, and more. Instructor: Alisa Meggison, Digital Marketing Manager for Nancy Marshall Communications. $25 for Oxford County Chamber Of Commerce members, $30 for businesses and nonprofits that are not chamber members. FMI/Registration: www.WMEDC.org or 739-6543.

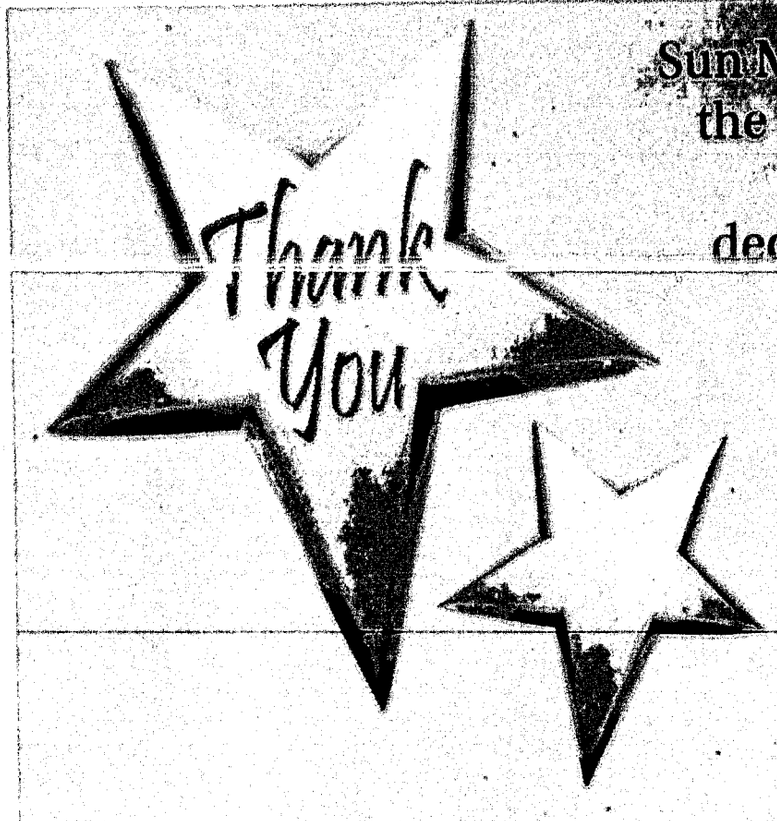
Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. $10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, March 19

Annual Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bethel Inn Conference Center. Presented by the Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited – over 35 exhibitors, raffles, a silent auction, kids' fly tying table and presentations by four well-known guest speakers. Admission: $5 per person.

"Bustin' Out the Blues" Dance; 8 p.m. to midnight, Locke's Mills Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road. Bands: Way Back Machine and Ball Brothers. 50/50 and raffles. Proceeds to benefit Telstar Football Programs (youth through high school), equipment repair and upgrade.



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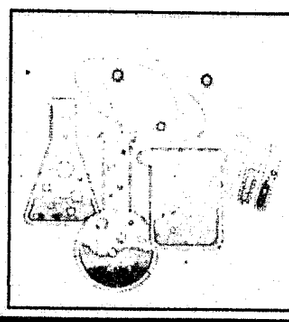
TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sixth grade teacher Lori Davis attended an Author and Illustrator night at Falmouth Elementary School in January. One of her students, Leah Kimball, also attended with her mother. At the author night, they both were able to meet Lynda Mullaly Hunt, author of the 6th grade community read book, Fish in a Tree. Leah got to ask the author a few questions and talk with her about the book. Hunt was very generous with her time and sent Miss Davis back with bookmarks and bracelets for the 6th graders. It was a wonderful night with over twenty regional authors and illustrators represented.

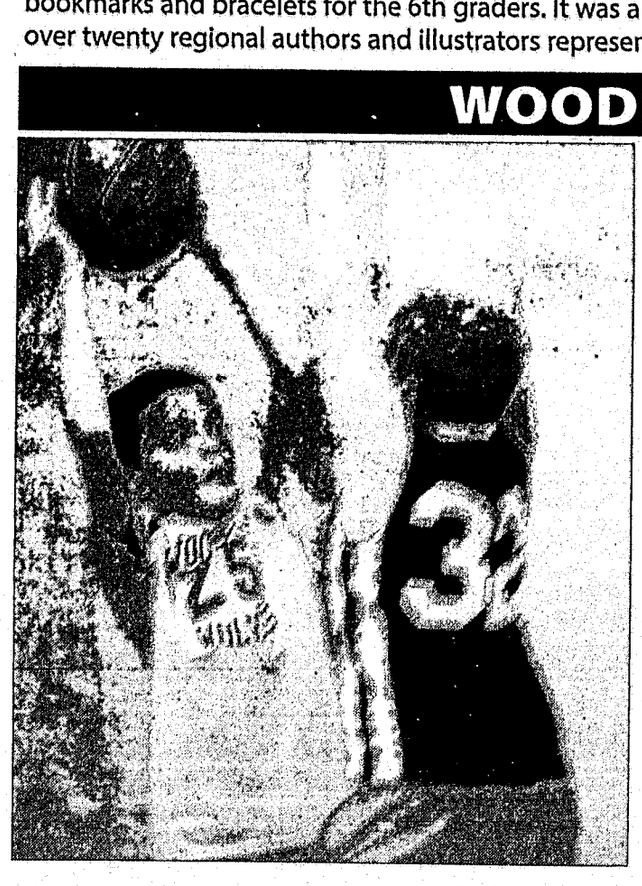
Sixth graders recently finished working in book groups. One book, Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library, leaves the readers with a final puzzle at the end. Here, groups of 6th graders work together to figure out the final puzzle in the book.



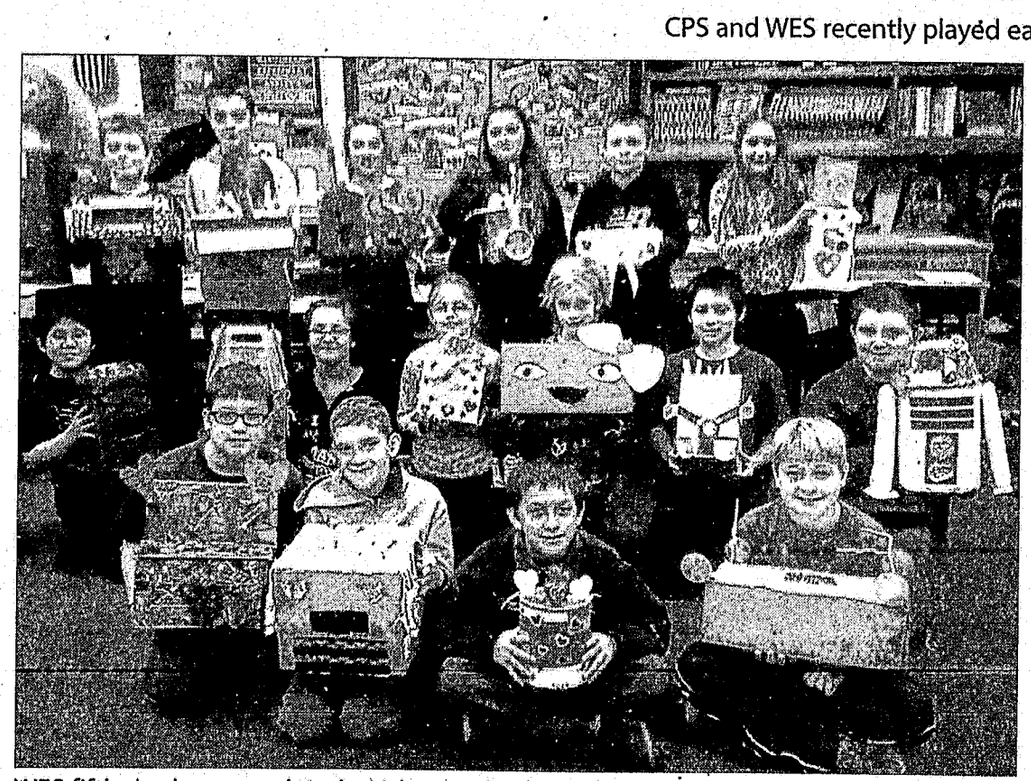
An exciting Science Expo

will be held in the Telstar complex cafeteria and gymnasium on March 15 from 5-7pm (snow date 3/17). Explorations and demonstrations will be presented by elementary, middle and high school students as well as the SAD44 Lego League, and several community groups and businesses. Please join us for a night of exploration and discovery!

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



CPS and WES recently played each other in basketball.



WES fifth graders completed a Valentine Project which required them to make a Valentine box and write directions of how to create the box.

WES Rugrats skiers Estella Diaz and Brianna Watrous at Sunday River.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHEN DO KANGAROOS CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS?

HATRED	___	HEART	LINERS	___	RINSE
DUTIES	___	DIETS	SELFIE	___	FILES
PESTER	___	STEEP	LACING	___	CLING
REVISE	___	SERVE	SPREAD	___	READS
THORNS	___	SHORT	RODNEY	___	DRONE
GLADES	___	LEADS	TERESA	___	STARE
			ODESSA	___	DOSES
			CASPER	___	SPACE

For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Agony **DIAPERS** ___ □□ ___ ___ ___ □

Festive **VEILLY** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ □

Ambush **COUPEN** ___ ___ □□ ___ ___

Super **GATER** ___ □ ___ ___ ___

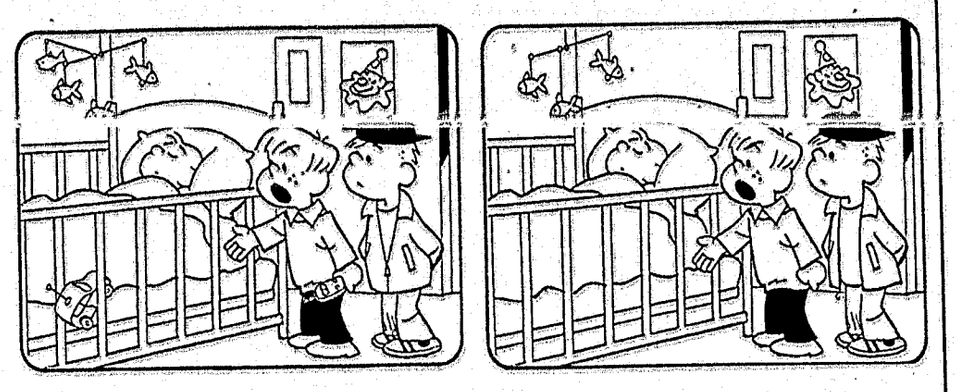
"We did that in ___ ___ ___ ___ School!"

TODAY'S WORD ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Fish is missing from mobile. 2. Car is missing. 3. Arm is lowered. 4. Remote control is missing. 5. Clown picture is reversed. 6. Coat is unzipped.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **S** equals **I**

LHRSEV ALB BMABTQSEDAHT

VKZ OHKFI ATSKQRL SE ALB

XHEABNA, S BMXFDSQBI

"QDZ ALB RBNA QDE OSE!"

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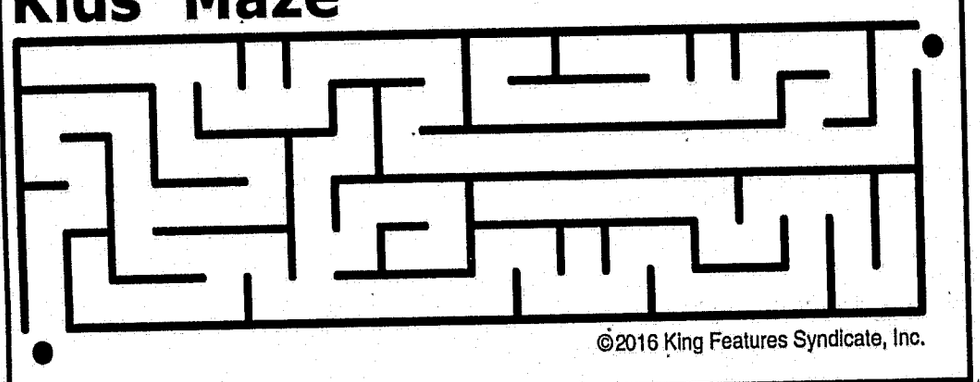
Kids' Maze



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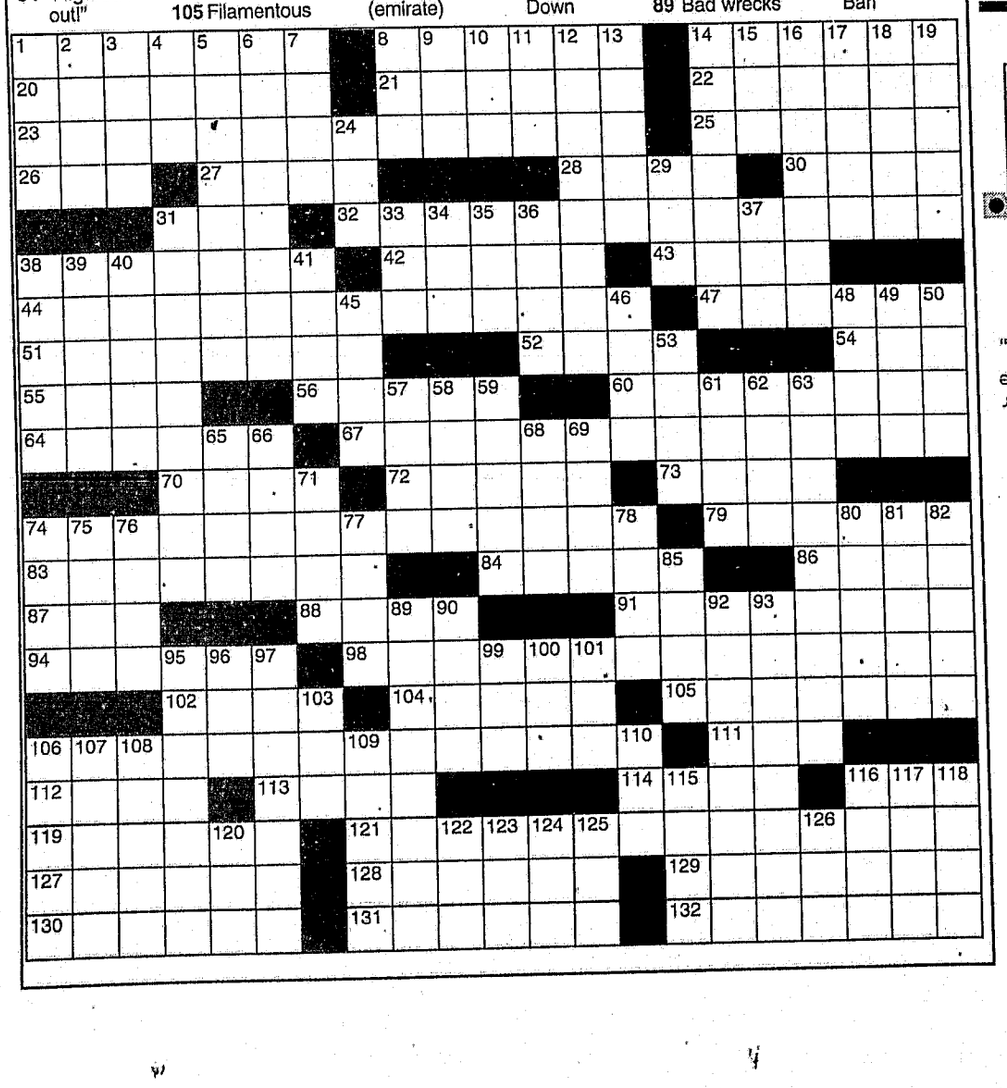
Super Crossword

REMAKING "THE LONGEST DAY"

ACROSS
1 Escape key's position
8 Schoolroom with easels, maybe
14 Not very new
20 Spur on
21 Big name in luxury watches
22 Darius' land
23 Biceps with more sweat?
25 Rang, as bells
26 Hosp. triage sites
27 El Cid, e.g.
28 Puerto —
30 Troll's home
31 Zest
32 Running specialists' outfits?
38 Actress Kerr
42 Whoopi's "The Color Purple" role
43 Fruit coverer
44 Shut down skiing peaks again?
47 Flinches or blinks, say
51 Check beneficiary
52 In order (to)
54 "I figured it out!"
55 With 78-Down, Coke Zero, e.g.
56 Lipstick flaw
60 Breaks loose
64 Vanquish
67 Put cicadas under water?
70 Sleep like —
72 Assume as fact
73 "... to market, to buy — pig"
74 Most inferior shoe bottoms?
79 Fasteners threaded at two ends
83 Zippy chip dip
84 Railroad station
86 Afghanistan's Tora —
87 Application
88 — Minor (Little Dipper locale)
91 Altercations
94 Hound type
98 Never-forgotten four-letter words?
102 Like sharp cheese
104 After, in Amiens
105 Filamentous
106 What a store manager likes to see on faces?
111 FedEx or DHL rival
112 "No" voter
113 Roo's friend
114 Norwegian hub
116 Bee product
119 Sea robber
121 June event "remade" six times in this puzzle
127 GPS suggestions
128 Hard money
129 Less trustful
130 Aim
131 Atoll part
132 Sam-I-am's creator

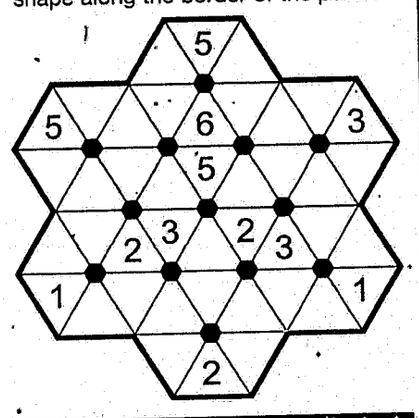
DOWN
1 Proctor's cry
2 — about (around)
3 Omegas' preceders
4 33 1/3 rpm discs
5 "Doesn't matter which of the two"
6 Ticket given gratis
7 The "T" of NWT: Abbr.
8 — Dhabi (emirate)
9 Toys — (kids' haven)
10 "Creep" trio
11 IM snicker
12 Not at all fond of
13 Fundamental
14 Enemy
15 "Life of Pi" director Ang
16 Biting Count
17 Hajji's faith
18 Food strainer
19 Pluto's realm
24 Pop Idol?
29 Perp catcher
31 Groups of athletes on horseback
33 Hosp. area with IVs
34 Sci-fi writer Stanislaw —
35 Tree for a bark beetle
36 "How the Other Half Lives" author Jacob
37 With 41-Down, tittering laughs
38 "Judge —" (1995 Stallone film)
39 "— Meenie" (2010 hit)
40 A-G linkup
41 See 37-Down
45 Long hauler
46 Stuffing stuff
48 Raven cries
49 "I heard —!"
50 Expresses
53 Ward of "CSI: NY"
57 Pre- — (replace)
58 "— 'n' Andy"
59 Put new turf on
61 Miso soup ingredient
62 Labor pain?
63 Motor coaches
65 — mater
66 Labor
68 Really peeve
69 Scale interval
71 Central figure of Christianity, in Florence
74 Bait fish
75 Santa —, California
76 Some Pac-12 athletes
77 Indian wrap
78 See 55-Across
80 Plenty o'
81 Cornered, as a raccoon
82 Smart-alecky
85 Pinball no-no
89 Bad wrecks
90 Clock radio toggle
92 Pulitzer-winning composer Gunther —
93 Reasons
95 Surfeit
96 Psyche part
97 Big storm
99 "... — quit!"
100 Clergyman's field: Abbr.
101 Mao — -tung
103 "In excelsis —"
106 Old Ford
107 Grant's side
108 Swagger
109 TV actress Portia de —
110 Salt's "Help!"
115 Sotheby's cry
116 2012 Nintendo console
117 Deck quartet
118 Children of boomers
120 "Taps" hour
122 Blanc of many voices
123 Onetime big record label
124 One, in Berlin
125 M&M color
126 Three, in Bari



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

2		8	3					1
		3			6		4	
	4			5		7		
1				8		4		
		2	6					5
	5				7	9	8	
	9			2		5		
		1		9	3		2	
8			4					7

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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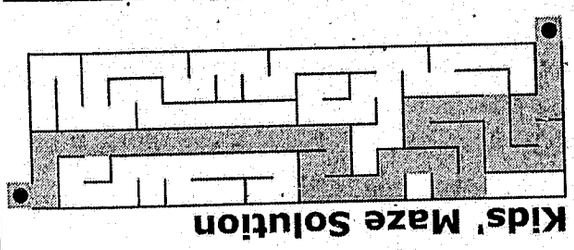
Kids' Maze Solution



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1. Despair; 2. Lively; 3. Pounce; 4. Great

Today's Word: NURSERY

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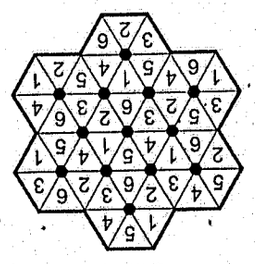

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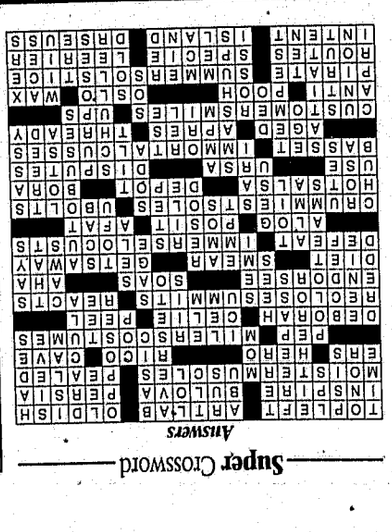
Super Crossword Answers



ANSWERS:

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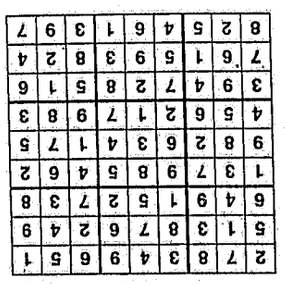

SNOWFLAKES solution

PUZZLES4KIDS Answer

HATRED	D	HEART	
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PESTER	R	STEEP	
REVISE	I	SERVE	
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GLADES	G	LEADS	
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News from Telstar Middle School

Katherine Haley from the 8th grade Peer Ambassadors reports on the 8th grade:

Science: In science students are working diligently preparing for the upcoming science fair! Their experiments and all data collection should be completed by Monday so that can begin creating their showboards.

Math: Students are working on a variety of subjects. One class is working on exponents and are headed to the Pythagorean Theorem, while another is working on monomials and polynomials. The last two classes will continue to work on percentages, discounts, taxes and tips.

ELA: In Language Arts students are working on finding all the information they can about the topics they have chosen for their research papers. This paper will be the building block for when they write their persuasive essays in the upcoming months.

Social Studies: In Social Studies students have started reading and analyzing a new book, 'Slopes of War' by Norah Perez, as part of our Civil War unit. They will follow up with many writing and comprehension activities.

Announcements:

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP! You may or may not know that we are a part of the Gear Up grant that was awarded to the district this year for students in grades 7-12. All of our 7th and 8th graders automatically qualify to be a part of this program and, you as their parents, do as well. The Gear Up grant is to help promote college aspirations in all students and works in conjunction with our MELMAC grant to do the same.

The GEAR UP grant requires that we survey 7th and 8th grade students and parents bi-annually. It must be reported on our April Annual Performance Review at the federal level. Parents have two options when it comes to completing the survey. You can either respond electronically by logging onto Infinite Campus and following the directions on the TMS page, or send back the paper copy that went home with your child to your child's RAP teacher by March 2.

Dates to remember:

The Talent Show will be held on March 3 from 6-8 pm. There will be a variety of acts, and artworks on display. Join the fun!

'Dodge for a Cure' charity dodgeball tournament will be held on March 10 after school. Staff, student and parents teams should register soon. Ms. Gregory has more information about this event.

Activity Afternoon/ Night will be held on March 11. Students are invited to a double feature movie sponsored by the PTA after school. Pizza, snacks, popcorn, baked goods and drinks are available for purchase for the movies. Following the movies, the TMS dance will be held in the cafeteria, from 6-8 p.m.

The Science Fair will be held on March 15 from 5-7 p.m. The snow date is March 17.

Teacher Workshop day is Friday, March 18. There will be no school for students.

TMS general:

Please remember that the Middle School is always looking for ways to raise money for the student activity account, and Box Tops for Education is a great way that families can contribute. Just cut them out and send them in with your student(s) to the MIddle School office.

After school organizations continue to be very productive and are always open to new members. Below is a list of the organizations and meeting times:

Yearbook: Every other Wednesday 2:20-5.

Peer Ambassadors: Every other Monday 2:20-4.

Wacky Weird Science : Wednesdays 2:20-5.

Minecraft Club: Mondays 2:20-5.

Spring sports: Girls softball, boys baseball, boys/ girls track and field will begin are set to begin in late March/early April. Stay tuned for exact dates and more information.

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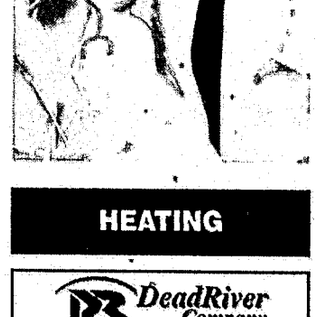

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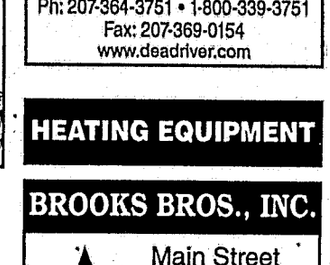

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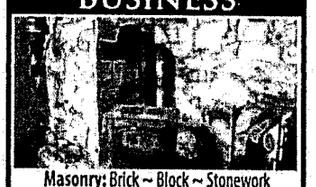

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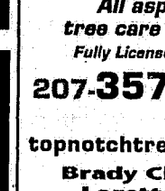

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Chandler Buie, a forester with Prentiss & Carlisle, will facilitate the course and organize presentations from a number of experienced foresters with different backgrounds.

The class will meet on the following Monday evenings listed below from 6 to 8 pm at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in Room 220. This course is sponsored by the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District and Prentiss & Carlisle.

Please register for the course by calling Oxford Adult Education at 207-743-8842. Questions, contact Chandler Buie at 207-949-0077 or cebuie@prentissandcarlisle.com. (Note: the class started Monday but enrollements are still open.)

Week 1 – Feb. 22 Tree Identification – Merle Ring, Maine Forest Service

Week 2 – Feb. 29 Silviculture –SWOAM Management Plans

Week 3 – March 7 Wildlife Considerations - Charles Hulsey, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Forest Pests and Disease - Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District

Week 4 –March 14 Tree Growth Tax Law,American Tree Farm System

Week 5 – March 21

Working with Professional Foresters Why to Work with Professionals-Maine Forest Rangers

Week 6 – March 28

Non Timber Forest Products – David Fuller, UMaine Cooperative Extension

Week 7 – April 4

Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District as a Resource – Michele Windsor; Soils Ken Stratton

Week 8 – April 11

Working with a logging contractor - Chandler Buie P&C; Boundaries and Deeds – Merle Ring, Maine Forest Service

Maximize the visibility of your website

Community Concepts Finance Corporation is offering a workshop, "Search Engine Optimization: Maximizing the Visibility of your Website," on Thursday, March 17, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street, Bethel.

Your business website is one of the most important tools your company owns for sales and customer acquisition. It is vitally important that people who are searching for your products or services be able to find your website. Learn how to improve your chances of being found on the internet.

Topics covered include: What SEO used to be and what it is now; Factors that affect how well your site is ranked; Basics of SEO – keyword research, unique page titles, unique META descriptions, page content, Google Analytics, web design; What you can do to improve your business' rankings.

The instructor for this workshop is Alisa Meggison, Digital Marketing Manger for Nancy Marshall Communications.

The cost to attend is $25 for members of any chambers of commerce that serve Oxford County and $30 for nonprofits and businesses that are not a chamber member.

To register for the workshop with a credit card go to www.WMEDC.org and click on 'Events,' or send a check payable to Community Concepts Finance Corporation, 17 Market Square, S. Paris, ME 739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

This workshop is part of the Maine Woods Tourism and Training Initiative and co-sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, River Valley Chamber of Commerce and Oxford Hills SCORE.

Artists: Apply for WMNF residence program

The White Mountain National Forest and the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire are pleased to announce the sixth year of the WMNF Artist-in-Residence program.

This celebration of the connections between forest, landscape and culture, offers professional and emerging artists from across the country an opportunity to pursue their particular art form, while being inspired by the surrounding forest.

Artists in all media – musical and performing artists, craftspeople, writers, composers, eco artists and media artists – are invited to apply. One artist residency of at least three weeks will be offered between July and September. The artist will be provided accommodations on or near the national forest as well as limited reimbursement of travel expenses, and the cost of supplies and materials. The deadline for applications for the 2016 residency is March 15.

The goal of the residency program is to use art and creative expression to explore the many ways in which people relate to forests – and to the White Mountain NF in particular.

The program provides the artist with an opportunity to spend time in the forest, creating work and sharing it with visitors to allow visitors to learn more about – or possibly participate in – the artistic process, and be encouraged to think about the connection between art, the forest and conservation. Public programs may include demonstrations, talks, exploratory walks or hikes, or performances, based on the medium, interest and experience of the artist.

Find additional information and an application for the Artist-in-Residence program at www.aannh.org, or contact the Arts Alliance at info@aannh.org, 603-323-7302.

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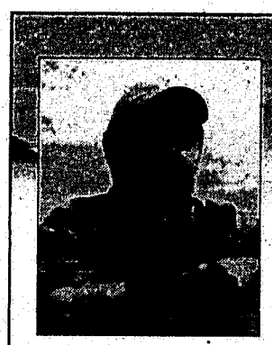

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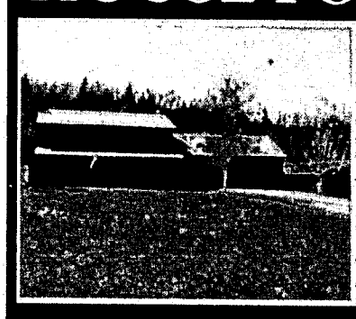

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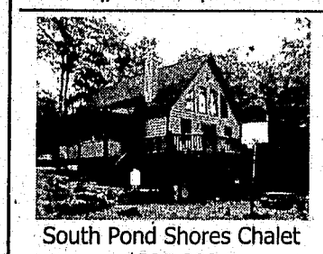

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Obituaries

JAMES D. DOUGHERTY

May 27, 1939 - Jan. 26, 2016

James David Dougherty, of Hamden, Conn., Marblehead, Mass., Larchmont, N.Y., and Brunswick, died of complications from pneumonia on Jan. 26, 2016 in his final home in Portland, Ore.

Jim was the first member of his family to graduate from college, Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., in 1961. He went on to graduate school, earning a Master of Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School in 1965.

Following service with the U.S. Army and 10 years in sales and marketing jobs with Procter & Gamble and Gillette, Jim entered a long career as a securities analyst for a number of Wall Street banks.

In his spare time, he was an accomplished amateur ice hockey referee, working in leagues surrounding Westchester County, N.Y., from the 1970s through the 1990s, retiring as the oldest official in the system. Despite a career that placed him in boardrooms around the world, he was always the kid from Hamden.

Jim's friends came from all walks of life. He was fiercely loyal, especially to the Hamden High crew, the Colgate Dekes and the gang from his beloved Marblehead, Mass. that he left in person in 1973 but never in his heart.

After retiring in 2002, he explored his passion for Irish history and culture by earning a Master's degree in Irish history from Manhattanville College.

In 2004, he and his wife Julie bought and renovated an historic house in Brunswick, where he had many opportunities to learn about Brunswick's civil war hero Joshua Chamberlain and the civil war while enjoying all that Maine has to offer.

A lifelong hockey fan, he passionately followed his alma mater, Colgate University, as well as the Boston Bruins, reveling in their championship seasons in the early 1970s as well as their return to the top in 2011.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Julia Hillman Dougherty, son Sean Dougherty (Julie Atinaja), daughter Molly Dougherty (Cliff Alton), brother Bill Dougherty (Kristi Muro-Dougherty), nephew Mateo Muro-Dougherty, and his adored grandchildren, Erin and Connor Alton Dougherty. His love for his family knew no bounds. Jim was a deeply committed husband, parent, grandparent and friend. He will be missed.

Donations in Jim's honor can be made to any of the following charitable organizations: The Nature Conservancy's Maine and Oregon chapters (mail donations to: The Nature Conservancy, 821 SE 14th Avenue, Portland Ore. 97214), the Pejepscot Historical Society in Brunswick for the Joshua Chamberlain Museum (mail donation to: Pejepscot Historical Society, 159 Park Row, Brunswick, Maine 04011), and USA Hockey Foundation (give at http://www.usahockeyfoundation.com/).

IRVING L. COLE

Irving L. Cole, 87, of Greenwood, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris with his family by his side.

He was born June 1, 1928, on the old farm on the Greenwood Road, the son of Lester W. Cole and Carrie Winetta Cole. He was brought up in the neighborhood known years ago as Shadagee. He attended school at the end of the Cole Road and at Locke Mills through the 8th grade.

He married his first wife, Ellen Ellis on Sept. 17, 1950 and was with her for nearly 50 years.

Irving worked for the Town of Greenwood (and state) on the roads. He was in the Army during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Germany. In the service he was a radio operator using Morse Code.

He worked for 29 years at Ecko Tibbets, later called Gilbert Mfg., making up to 1,000 [illegible] a day.

He enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling, dancing and playing his guitar for many years with the Richard Felt Band at dances at the old Town Hall, at various nursing homes and the Maine Veteran's Home in South Paris. Irving got his first guitar at the age of 12.

He was a member of the Jackson-Silver Post #68 for 53 years, and was a former member of the Franklin Grange and the Greenwood Fire Department.

Irving had a nice smile and had the nickname of "Smiley" in the army and by the girls at the lab at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel; his son, Elton and wife, Christine of Woodstock; his daughters, Linda Libby and her husband, James of Levant, Marie Wilday and husband, Roger of Woodstock, Susan Leonard and husband, David of Mechanic Falls; 14 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; brothers, Daniel and wife, Diana, Elwin and wife, Shirley, Burton and wife, Dennise; sister, Lillian Noyes; nieces and nephews; also step-sons, Douglas Dillingham and wife, Cindy, Donald Dillingham and wife, Caroline, Dana Dillingham and wife, Kathleen, and Darren Dillingham and wife, Kristy.

He was predeceased by his parents; first wife, Ellen; brother, Herschel; and sister, Charlotte.

Burial will be later in the spring.

Donations in Irving's memory can be made to the Greenwood Fire Department, c/o Greenwood Town Office, 593 Gore Road, Greenwood, ME 04255.

Mahoosuc Kids receives $5,000 from Rite Aid

Local Rite Aid associates last week recognized Mahoosuc Kids Association, the local KidCents charity, with a $5,000 donation for participating in The Rite Aid Foundation's Big Hearts Give Challenge, according to a press release.

The challenge was designed by The Rite Aid Foundation to help KidCents charities raise awareness, grow their donor network and earn additional funds for their organization, according to a press release. In all, the KidCents program will donate a total of $1,597,500 to 182 KidCents charities.

"Our Big Hearts Give Challenge was a fun way for KidCents charities to earn a donation for their organization while raising awareness about the valuable work they are doing and expanding their donor network," said Rite Aid CEO of store and President of Rite Aid Corporation Ken Martindale, who also serves as president of The Rite Aid Foundation.

KidCents was developed by The Rite Aid Foundation to provide Rite Aid customers an opportunity to [illegible] kids in the communities Rite Aid serves. Through KidCents, members of Rite Aid's wellness+ with Plenti program can round up their in-store or online purchases to the nearest dollar and give their change to one of more than 300 nonprofit organizations focused on improving the health and wellbeing of children.

To participate, Rite Aid customers can sign into their wellness+ account at www.kidcents.com and review the profiles of approved KidCents charities they can choose to support. Each charity profile features information about the organization and the services it provides as well as stories of those helped by the organization. Once a charity is selected, the next time the customer shops at Rite Aid, their purchase will be rounded up to the nearest dollar and their change will be designated to their selected charity.

Nonprofit organizations interested in participating in The KidCents program can visit www.kidcents.com/apply to submit an application.

To be eligible, an organization must be classified as exempt from federal tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code and meet the KidCents program guidelines. For more information, visit www.kidcents.com.

Pictured at last week's check presentation to the Mahoosuc Kids Assocation are, from left: Matt Parsons, Pharmacy District Manager, Rite Aid; Wayne Cyrway, Asset Protection District Manager, Rite Aid; Veronica Penley, Lorie White, Terri Angevine, Pharmacy Technicians, Rite Aid; Julie Hart, Director of Mahoosuc Kids Association; Retief Orffer, Pharmacist, Rite Aid; Barb Russell, Board Chair; Steve Thibeau, District Manager, Rite Aid; Bernie Haines, Store Manager, Rite Aid; Brian Peterson, Assistant Manager, Rite Aid; Allie Burke, board member, Sarah DeCato, board member.

Submitted photo

Swift River provides oral health care for children

Swift River Family Medicine, a practice affiliated with Rumford Hospital and Central Maine Healthcare, is now providing Oral Health Care for children ages 0-4 years old as part of an oral health grant received from the Maine Oral Health Funders. The practice has partnered with River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition, Community Dental, and From the First Tooth/ at Maine Health, in an effort to increase oral health care for area children.

Tooth decay is a substantial problem in young children and the barriers preventing young children from obtaining dental care have become an ongoing problem and continue to worsen. Fortunately, most children are exposed to medical care, though not all have had the opportunity to obtain dental care at an early age. This gives primary medical providers the opportunity to play an important role in helping children and their families gain access to dental care.

At Swift River Family Medicine, parents may now inquire about Oral Health for their child, as well as the application of fluoride varnish at their child's Well Child Check. For more information call 207-369-1020.

MOVIE SHOWTIMES
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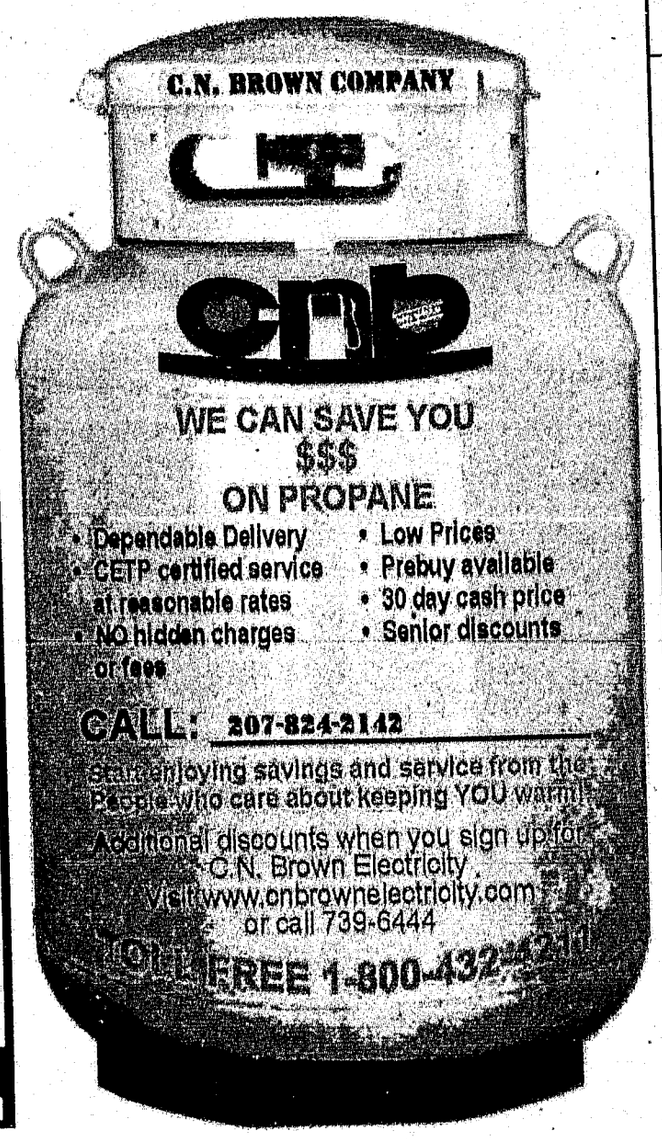

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